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1 [REPORT OF ACTION TAKEN IN CLOSED SESSION ON TUESDAY
2 SEPTEMBER 17, 2013 READ BY EXECUTIVE OFFICER ON PAGE 269]

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6 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** GOOD MORNING. AND WE WELCOME YOU
7 TO THE REGULARLY SCHEDULED MEETING OF THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY
8 BOARD OF SUPERVISORS TODAY, TUESDAY SEPTEMBER THE 17TH. WE
9 TAKE NOTE OF THE FACT THAT A QUORUM IS ESTABLISHED AND WE WISH
10 TO ACKNOWLEDGE OF THE SERGEANT AT ARMS, PAUL COBLENTZ IS IN
11 PLACE. CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER WILLIAM T FUJIOKA, OUR COUNTY
12 COUNSEL, JOHN KRATTLI, OUR EXECUTIVE OFFICER, SACHI HAMAI.
13 THIS MORNING'S INVOCATION WILL BE DELIVERED BY SUPERVISOR DON
14 KNABE OF THE FOURTH DISTRICT. OUR PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE WILL BE
15 LED BY JOEL PLANTE WHO IS THE FIELD SERVICE MANAGER OF THE
16 DISABLED AMERICA VETERANS FROM THE AREA WE KNOW AS LA MIRADA.
17 AND OF COURSE THAT'S AT THE INVITATION OF SUPERVISOR DON
18 KNABE, AS WELL. LADIES AND GENTLEMEN, IF YOU WOULD PLEASE RISE
19 FOR THIS MORNING'S INVOCATION.

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21 **SUP. KNABE:** THANK YOU MR. CHAIRMAN, LADIES AND GENTLEMEN, IF
22 YOU'LL JOIN ME IN AN ATTITUDE OF PRAYER, GRACIOUS GOD, WE COME
23 BEFORE YOU ONCE AGAIN TO GIVE YOU THANKS. WE THANK YOU FOR
24 YESTERDAY. WE THANK YOU FOR TODAY. WE PRAY FOR YOUR BLESSINGS
25 TOMORROW. OH, GRACIOUS GOD, AS WE DELIBERATE AS A BODY HERE



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1 TODAY, WE ASK FOR YOUR CONTINUED GUIDANCE AND DIRECTION IN OUR
2 PROCESSES AND ALL THE THINGS THAT WE HAVE TO DO EACH AND EVERY
3 DAY ON BEHALF OF THE 10 MILLION PLUS RESIDENTS HERE IN LOS
4 ANGELES COUNTY. LET US DO THE RIGHT THING. GUIDE US, DIRECT
5 US, PROTECT US; MOST IMPORTANTLY, WE THANK YOU FOR EACH AND
6 EVERY DAY. MAY GOD CONTINUE TO BLESS AND PROTECT OUR MEN AND
7 WOMEN IN ARMED SERVICES, HARM'S WAY, EXCUSES ME AND OH
8 GRACIOUS GOD, WE THANK YOU FOR OUR PUBLIC SAFETY TEAMS THAT DO
9 SUCH A GOOD JOB FOR US EACH AND EVERY DAY. SO WATCH OVER US,
10 GUIDE US, DIRECT US, THANK YOU. AND ALL GOD'S PEOPLE SAID
11 AMEN.

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13 **JOEL PLANTE:** PLEASE FACE THE FLAG, RIGHT HAND OVER YOUR HEART.
14 VETERANS RENDER THE HAND SALUTE. JOIN ME IN THE PLEDGE OF
15 ALLEGIANCE IN HONOR OF THOSE LOST AT THE NAVY SHIPYARD.
16 [PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE RECITED.] THANK YOU.

17

18 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU. SUPERVISOR KNABE, WE
19 THANK YOU FOR THE LEADING US IN THE INVOCATION AND WE NOW ASK
20 THAT YOU INTRODUCE THE PLEDGE VETERAN.

21

22 **SUP. KNABE:** THANK YOU, MR. CHAIRMAN. LADIES AND GENTLEMEN,
23 IT'S MY PRIVILEGE TO PRESENT A CERTIFICATE OF APPRECIATION TO
24 MR. JOEL PLANTE, WHO LIVES IN THE CITY OF LA MIRADA, IS A
25 FIELD SERVICE MANAGER AND PAST STATE LEGISLATIVE CHAIRMAN WITH



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1 THE DISABLED AMERICAN VETERANS. HE SERVED IN THE UNITED STATES
2 ARMY FROM 1973 TO 1981 AS A SPECIALIST IN CHARLIE COMPANY,
3 SECOND BATTALION, 28TH INFANTRY. HE RECEIVED A NATIONAL
4 DEFENSE SERVICE MEDAL, AN ARMY GOOD CONDUCT MEDAL, AN ARMY
5 SERVICE RIBBON, AN OVERSEAS SERVICE RIBBON AND A COLD WAR
6 SERVICE MEDAL. JOEL IS MARRIED WITH THREE DAUGHTERS AND HE'S
7 LIVED IN THE FOURTH DISTRICT FOR OVER 10 YEARS. ON BEHALF OF
8 THE BOARD, WE WANT TO THANK YOU FOR TAKING TIME OUT OF YOUR
9 BUSY SCHEDULE IN LEADING US IN THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE BUT
10 MOST IMPORTANTLY THANK YOU FOR YOUR SERVICE TO OUR COUNTRY.
11 [APPLAUSE.]

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13 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** GOOD MORNING, MADAM EXECUTIVE
14 OFFICER, IF YOU WOULD PLEASE PROCEED WITH CALLING THE AGENDA.

15

16 **SACHI HAMAI, EXEC. OFFICER:** GOOD MORNING, MR. CHAIRMAN,
17 MEMBERS OF THE BOARD, WE WILL BEGIN TODAY'S AGENDA ON PAGE
18 THREE, PRESENTATION ON SET MATTERS. ON ITEM NUMBER S-2, AS
19 INDICATED ON THE SUPPLEMENTAL AGENDA, SUPERVISOR MOLINA ASKED
20 THAT IT BE RECEIVED AND FILED AFTER TODAY'S PRESENTATION AND
21 BE REMOVED FROM FUTURE BOARD CALENDARS AS NO ADDITIONAL
22 REPORTS ARE NEEDED.

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1 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** EXCUSE ME, MR. CHAIRMAN, I CANNOT HEAR THE
2 EXECUTIVE VERY WELL. I DON'T KNOW IF IT'S THE SOUND SYSTEM OR
3 IF SHE'S BEING SHY.

4

5 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** YOU NOTE THE TWO OPTIONS, THE
6 SOUND SYSTEM OR HER SHYNESS. IT HAS NOTHING TO DO WITH HIS
7 HEARING ABILITIES, WE KNOW.

8

9 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** OF COURSE NOT. I GET ENOUGH OF THAT AT HOME,
10 MR. CHAIRMAN. [LAUGHTER.]

11

12 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** ALL RIGHT. LET'S PROCEED. TRY
13 AGAIN FROM THE TOP.

14

15 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** MUCH BETTER.

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17 **SACHI HAMAI, EXEC. OFFICER:** PAGE THREE, CAN YOU HEAR ME NOW?

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19 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** YES.

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21 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** CAN YOU HEAR ME NOW? [LAUGHTER.]
22 ON PAGE THREE, ON ITEM S-2, AS INDICATED ON THE SUPPLEMENTAL
23 AGENDA, SUPERVISOR MOLINA REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM BE RECEIVED
24 AND FILED AFTER TODAY'S PRESENTATION AND REMOVED FROM FUTURE
25 BOARD CALENDARS AS NO ADDITIONAL REPORTS ARE NEEDED. ON PAGE



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1 FOUR, ON ITEM NUMBER S-5 AS INDICATED ON THE POSTED AGENDA,
2 THE DIRECTOR OF HEALTH SERVICES REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM BE
3 CONTINUED TO DECEMBER 17, 2013. ON PAGE FIVE, AGENDA FOR THE
4 MEETING OF THE REGIONAL PARK AND OPEN SPACE DISTRICT, ON ITEM
5 NUMBER 1-P, THERE'S A REQUEST FROM A MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC TO
6 HOLD THIS ITEM. ON PAGE SIX, BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, ITEMS 1
7 THROUGH 21, ON ITEM NUMBER 1, AS INDICATED ON THE SUPPLEMENTAL
8 AGENDA, SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS REQUESTS THAT HIS APPOINTMENT
9 OF ADRIENNE KONIGAR-MACKLIN TO THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY BOARD OF
10 EDUCATION ROTATIONAL BE REFERRED BACK TO HIS OFFICE. ON ITEM
11 NUMBER 2, SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM BE
12 CONTINUED TO OCTOBER 8, 2013. ON ITEM NUMBER 3, SUPERVISOR
13 KNABE VOTES NO ON THIS ITEM. AND THERE ARE REQUESTS FROM
14 MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC TO HOLD THIS ITEM. ON ITEM NUMBER 4,
15 SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS AND SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH REQUEST
16 THAT THIS ITEM BE HELD. AND SPECIFICALLY SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-
17 THOMAS IS ASKING THAT THIS ITEM BE HELD WITH ITEM NUMBER 51-C.
18 ON ITEM NUMBER 6, THERE'S A REQUEST FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC
19 TO HOLD THIS ITEM. ON ITEM NUMBER 7, THIS INCLUDES THE
20 REVISIONS AS INDICATED ON THE SUPPLEMENTAL AGENDA. AND ON THIS
21 ITEM, SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM BE
22 CONTINUED THREE WEEKS TO OCTOBER 8, 2013. AND ALSO THERE'S A
23 REQUEST FROM A MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC TO HOLD THE ITEM. ON ITEM
24 NUMBER 8 AND ITEM NUMBER 10, THERE'S A REQUEST FROM A MEMBER
25 OF THE PUBLIC TO HOLD THESE ITEMS, ON ITEMS 8 AND 10. ON ITEM



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1 NUMBER 12, AND ITEM NUMBER 17, THERE'S ALSO A REQUEST FROM A
2 MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC TO HOLD THESE ITEMS. THE REMAINING ITEMS
3 UNDER THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS ARE BEFORE YOU.

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5 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. SUPERVISOR
6 MOLINA MOVES. SUPERVISOR KNABE SECONDS. IF THERE ARE NO
7 OBJECTIONS, PLEASE RECORD A UNANIMOUS VOTE ON THOSE ITEMS
8 BEFORE US.

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10 **SACHI HAMAI, EXEC. OFFICER:** ON PAGE 15, CONSENT CALENDAR ITEM
11 22 THROUGH 49. ON ITEM 22, THERE'S A REQUEST FROM A MEMBER OF
12 THE PUBLIC TO HOLD THIS ITEM. ON ITEM NUMBER 23, SUPERVISOR
13 RIDLEY-THOMAS REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM BE CONTINUED FOUR WEEKS
14 TO OCTOBER 15, 2013. BUT ON THIS ITEM, SUPERVISOR MOLINA AND A
15 MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC REQUEST THAT THIS ITEM BE HELD. ON ITEM
16 NUMBER 24, SUPERVISOR KNABE REQUESTS THAT UNIT 2 REGARDING
17 TRISTAR BE CONTINUED ONE WEEK TO SEPTEMBER 24. THE REMAINING
18 RECOMMENDATIONS IN THE BOARD LETTER WILL BE BEFORE YOU. ON
19 ITEM NUMBER 25, THIS ITEM WILL BE TAKEN UP WITH ITEM S-3. AND
20 THERE'S A REQUEST FROM A MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC TO HOLD IT. ON
21 ITEM NUMBER 26, THE DIRECTOR OF HEALTH SERVICES REQUESTS THAT
22 THIS ITEM BE CONTINUED ONE WEEK TO SEPTEMBER 24, 2013. ON ITEM
23 NUMBER 28, SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM BE
24 CONTINUED ONE WEEK TO SEPTEMBER 24, 2013. ON ITEM NUMBER 29,
25 SUPERVISOR KNABE REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM BE CONTINUED ONE WEEK



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1 ALSO TO SEPTEMBER 24, 2013. ON ITEM NUMBER 30, THERE'S A
2 REQUEST FROM A MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC TO HOLD THIS ITEM. ON ITEM
3 NUMBER 42, AS INDICATED ON THE SUPPLEMENTAL AGENDA, THE CHIEF
4 PROBATION OFFICER REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM BE REFERRED BACK TO
5 HIS DEPARTMENT. AND THE REMAINING ITEMS UNDER THE CONSENT
6 CALENDAR. YES, 42? THE REMAINING ITEMS UNDER THE CONSENT
7 CALENDAR ARE BEFORE YOU.

8

9 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU. SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH
10 MOVES. SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY SECONDS. SEEING NO OBJECTIONS,
11 PLEASE RECORD A UNANIMOUS VOTE ON THOSE ITEMS BEFORE US.

12

13 **SACHI HAMAI, EXEC. OFFICER:** ON PAGE 26, ORDINANCE FOR
14 INTRODUCTION, ITEM NUMBER 50 AND I'LL READ THE SHORT TITLE IN
15 FOR THE RECORD. THIS IS AN ORDINANCE FOR INTRODUCTION AMENDING
16 THE COUNTY CODE TITLE 3 ADVISORY COMMISSIONS AND COMMITTEES
17 TITLE 5 PERSONNEL AND TITLE 6 SALARIES RELATING TO THE
18 EMPLOYEE RELATIONS COMMISSION TO CHANGE REQUIREMENTS RELATED
19 TO THE APPOINTMENT OF COMMISSIONERS, TO CHANGE THEIR
20 COMPENSATION AND TO UPDATE AND MAKE OTHER TECHNICAL
21 CORRECTIONS. ON THIS ITEM, SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS REQUESTS
22 THAT THE ITEM BE CONTINUED FOR FOUR WEEKS; HOWEVER, ON THIS
23 ITEM, SUPERVISOR MOLINA AND A MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC REQUEST
24 THAT THE ITEM BE HELD. ON PAGE 27, MISCELLANEOUS ADDITIONS TO
25 THE AGENDA WHICH WERE POSTED MORE THAN 72 HOURS IN ADVANCE OF



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1 THE MEETING AS INDICATED ON THE SUPPLEMENTAL AGENDA. ON ITEM
2 51-A, THERE'S A REQUEST TO HOLD THIS ITEM. ON ITEM 51-B,
3 SUPERVISOR KNABE ABSTAINS FROM THE VOTE AND THERE'S ALSO A
4 REQUEST FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC TO HOLD THIS ITEM. ON ITEM
5 NUMBER 51-C, SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM
6 BE HELD WITH ITEM NUMBER 4. AND IT SHOULD BE NOTED THAT
7 SUPERVISOR KNABE AND SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH WILL VOTE NO ON
8 THIS ITEM. AND THEN ON PAGE 30, NOTICES OF CLOSED SESSION, ON
9 ITEM NUMBER CS-2, SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS REQUESTS THAT THIS
10 ITEM BE CONTINUED ONE WEEK TO SEPTEMBER 24, 2013. CS-2. I'M
11 SORRY? CS-2, WELL IT'S A CLOSED SESSION ITEM. AS POSTED, IT'S
12 REGARDING THE LAWSUIT ABOUT THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT. AND THAT
13 COMPLETES THE READING OF THE AGENDA. BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
14 SPECIAL ITEMS BEGIN WITH SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT NUMBER 2. MR.
15 CHAIRMAN, BEFORE YOU GO ON, I UNDERSTAND ON THE BILL THAT 51-C
16 IS ABOUT. I READ THIS MORNING THAT IT'S BEEN SIGNED BY THE
17 GOVERNOR.

18

19 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** CORRECT. SO IT'S MOOT IN TERMS
20 OF THE VOTE, BUT I WANTED TO --

21

22 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** THAT'S FINE.

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24 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** PUNCTUATE THE POINT THAT IT IS A
25 PART OF 4 NOW BECAUSE IT IS ONE OF THE ARGUMENTS HE'S USING IN



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1 TERMS OF THE LAWSUIT THAT HE'S TRYING TO ADDRESS. AND SO WE'LL
2 DISCUSS THAT AT THE TIME. THANKS, SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY. ALL
3 RIGHT. MADAM EXECUTIVE OFFICER, WE'RE PREPARED TO TAKE UP THE
4 PRESENTATIONS, CORRECT?

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6 **SACHI HAMAI, EXEC. OFFICER:** YES, THANK YOU.

7

8 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU. WE'RE PLEASED TODAY
9 TO ONCE AGAIN CELEBRATE FAMILY REUNIFICATION WEEK. WE'RE GOING
10 TO ASK THE FOLLOWING INDIVIDUALS IF THEY WOULD JOIN US. JUDGE
11 MICHAEL NASH WHO IS THE PRESIDING JUDGE OF JUVENILE COURT.
12 FELICIA DAVENPORT, CHIEF DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF THE DEPARTMENT OF
13 CHILDREN AND FAMILY SERVICES. AND GLORIA CASTION, WHO IS A
14 PARENT WHO WE TAKE THIS OPPORTUNITY TO CELEBRATE. TODAY WE
15 COME TO HONOR OUR HEROES IN THE AREA OF FAMILY REUNIFICATION.
16 I'M EXTREMELY PLEASED TO BE ABLE TO WELCOME ALL OF THOSE
17 HEROES WHO ARE HERE THIS MORNING AND TO SAY TO YOU ON BEHALF
18 OF THE BOARD, YOU REPRESENT THOUSANDS OF FAMILIES AND SOCIAL
19 WORKERS, LAWYERS, CHILD WELFARE AND JUDICIAL STAFF, COMMUNITY
20 PARTNERS AND ADVOCATES WHO WORK TIRELESSLY EVERY DAY TO ENSURE
21 THE SAFETY AND WELL-BEING OF OUR CHILDREN. AND SO WE ARE
22 HONORING A SELECT NUMBER OF HEROES WHO HAVE EXHIBITED
23 UNWAVERING STRENGTH OF CHARACTER, DEDICATION AND THE
24 UNQUESTIONABLE FAITH IN MAKING FAMILIES WHOLE AGAIN IS THE
25 MOST IMPORTANT WORK THAT WE CAN UNDERTAKE. THE EMOTIONAL AND



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1 PHYSICAL WELL-BEING AND SAFETY OF OUR CHILDREN AND FAMILIES
2 WILL GREATLY INFLUENCE THE FUTURE PROGRESS OF OUR COMMUNITIES
3 HERE IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY, AND THOSE BEING HONORED TODAY HAVE
4 PLAYED A SIGNIFICANT -- AND I DO MEAN SIGNIFICANT ROLE IN
5 ADVANCING THAT THEME FORWARD. FOR SOME OF YOU, IT'S BEEN
6 MAKING LONG DISTANCE VISITS WITH YOUR CHILD AT EVERY
7 OPPORTUNITY POSSIBLE, VOLUNTEERING TO LEARN ALL YOU CAN TO
8 MITIGATE FUTURE CONFLICT AND WORKING CLOSELY WITH THOSE WHOSE
9 JOB IT IS TO MOVE THIS PROCESS FORWARD. AND FOR OTHERS IN THIS
10 ROOM, IT MEANS LISTENING WITH COMPASSION AND FINDING WAYS TO
11 MOTIVATE THOSE WHO HAVE ENDURED ROUGH PATCHES IN THEIR LIVES
12 TO DO WHAT THEY KNOW THEY NEED TO DO. BUT THEY SOMETIMES DON'T
13 QUITE KNOW HOW TO START ADVOCATING FOR YOUR CLIENTS AND
14 FINDING LEGAL PATHWAYS TO SAFELY REUNITE FAMILIES IS A TASK OF
15 MANY OF THE LAWYERS AND JUDICIAL STAFF AS WELL AS MANY WHO ARE
16 NOT HERE BUT THOSE WHO ARE HERE MOST ASSUREDLY. SOME 6,800
17 CHILDREN WERE REUNITED WITH THEIR FAMILIES IN 2011 THROUGH THE
18 COURT, AND SOME 6,000 MORE WERE REUNITED LAST YEAR. AND I'D
19 LIKE TO COMMEND GLORIA WHO IS FROM THE SECOND DISTRICT, WHO
20 HAS SUCCESSFULLY OVERCOME SOME OF HER PERSONAL STRUGGLES AND
21 HAS REUNITED WITH HER CHILDREN. WE ACKNOWLEDGE HER AND ALL
22 PARENTS WHO HAVE THE BLISS OF BEING REUNITED WITH THEIR
23 CHILDREN. WE WANT TO THANK ALL OF YOU, ALL OF THE HEROES, AND
24 TO ENCOURAGE YOU AND TO CONGRATULATE YOU FOR THE TOUGH TASK,
25 THE ARDUOUS WORK YOU HAVE TO WRESTLE WITH AND CONFRONT EVERY



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1 DAY IN KEEPING FAMILIES TOGETHER. THERE'S NOTHING MORE
2 IMPORTANT. SO WE WANT ALL OF YOU TO JOIN ME IN HONORING OUR
3 HEROES AND PROCLAIMING THE WEEK OF SEPTEMBER THE 16TH THROUGH
4 SEPTEMBER THE 20TH AS FAMILY REUNIFICATION WEEK IN LOS ANGELES
5 COUNTY. A BIG ROUND OF APPLAUSE FOR ALL OF THOSE WHO ARE HERE.
6 [APPLAUSE.] SO, GLORIA, IF YOU WOULD COME FORWARD, WE WANT TO
7 PRESENT THIS TO YOU ON BEHALF OF THE SECOND SUPERVISORIAL
8 DISTRICT AND ACKNOWLEDGE YOU AS A HERO IN THE COUNTY OF LOS
9 ANGELES FOR ALL THAT YOU HAVE DONE, THAT WHICH YOU ARE DOING
10 AND MOST CERTAINLY THAT WHICH YOU WILL DO IN THE FUTURE. THANK
11 YOU AND GOD BLESS YOU. [APPLAUSE.] SUPERVISOR MOLINA?

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13 **SUP. MOLINA:** MR. CHAIRMAN, I WANT TO THANK YOU FOR BRINGING AN
14 OPPORTUNITY FOR US TO RECOGNIZE MANY OF THESE UNSUNG HEROES
15 WITHIN OUR COMMUNITY. THEY DO AN UNBELIEVABLE JOB. THEY'RE
16 WITHIN OUR BUREAUCRACY, AS WELL. AND WHILE THE COUNTY IS --
17 HAS THE RESPONSIBILITY FOR THESE CHILDREN, IT IS REALLY SO
18 UNFORTUNATE WHEN WE HAVE TO SEPARATE A CHILD FROM THEIR
19 PARENTS. BUT WE ALWAYS ARE DOING IT AND HOPING THAT IT'S IN
20 THE BEST INTERESTS OF THE CHILD. AND OF COURSE THE GOAL IS TO
21 ALWAYS REUNIFY THE FAMILY IN A WAY THAT'S POSITIVE AND IT'S
22 GOING TO WORK EFFECTIVELY FOR THE FUTURE OF THE ENTIRE FAMILY.
23 BUT IN ORDER TO MAKE THAT HAPPEN, THERE HAVE TO BE COURAGEOUS
24 FOLKS THAT ARE WILLING TO GO BEYOND LITTLE POLICIES, LITTLE
25 PROCEDURES, GET INTO THE DEPTH OF WHAT'S HAPPENING WITH THESE



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1 FAMILIES AND SORT OUT WHAT SOME OF THE KEY PROBLEMS ARE AND
2 THEN PUT THEM ON A GOOD TRACK. THE FIRST DISTRICT IS VERY
3 PROUD TO RECOGNIZE ONE OF THOSE HEROES WHO HAS DONE EXACTLY
4 THAT, AND THAT'S LIZ MELENDEZ. LET ME POINT OUT, SHE HAS BEEN
5 WORKING WITH THE COUNTY AND HAS AIDED MANY FAMILIES THROUGH
6 THE REUNIFICATION. FOR MANY PARENTS, THEY ARE BEING GREETED BY
7 LIZ MELENDEZ WHO WORKS IN THE MONTEREY PARK CHILDREN'S COURT.
8 SHE PROVIDES ESSENTIAL REFERRALS TO PROGRAMS AND CLASSES TO
9 ENSURE A STABLE AND SAFE ENVIRONMENT FOR EACH AND EVERY CHILD
10 AND CAREFULLY CLARIFIES EACH STEP INVOLVED IN THE DEPENDENCY
11 COURT AND THE REUNIFICATION PROCESS WITH THE PARENTS AND OTHER
12 LOVED ONES. LIZ ALSO PROVIDES ONGOING SUPPORT IN IDENTIFYING
13 PUBLIC ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS, EMPLOYMENT, IMMIGRATION, MEDICAL,
14 HOUSING ISSUES AS WELL AS BILINGUAL INFORMATION FOR
15 GRANDPARENTS AND CAREGIVERS WHO NEED ADDITIONAL SUPPORT. ALSO
16 LIZ CONSISTENTLY SHARES HER EXTENSIVE KNOWLEDGE WITH JUDICIAL
17 OFFICERS, COURT OFFICER ADVOCATES, VOLUNTEERS, SOCIAL WORKERS
18 AND ATTORNEYS. LIZ, WE'RE SO THANKFUL TO YOU AND THE KIND OF
19 WORK THAT YOU DO AND YOUR DEVOTION AND PASSION THAT YOU HAVE
20 FOR THESE FAMILIES. WE WANT TO CONGRATULATE HER. SHE HAS BEEN
21 WITH US FOR OVER 14 YEARS AND DOING AN UNBELIEVABLE JOB.
22 CONGRATULATIONS. [APPLAUSE.] I'M GOING TO HAVE LIZ SHARE A FEW
23 WORDS.
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1 **LIZ MELENDEZ:** FIRST AND FOREMOST, I'M EVER SO THANKFUL FOR
2 JUST THE OPPORTUNITY I HAVE EVERY DAY TO WORK WITH SO MANY
3 WONDERFUL PEOPLE. NOT ONLY THE PROFESSIONAL STAFF AT
4 CHILDREN'S COURT, MY STAFF AT 211, MY COLLEAGUES, BUT THE
5 PEOPLE AT CHILDREN'S COURT, THE PARENTS THAT WE GET TO SERVE
6 EVERY DAY. YOU KNOW, I'M OF THE MINDSET THAT IF MANY OF OUR
7 PARENTS WHO FIND THEMSELVES THERE KNEW BETTER, THEY WOULD HAVE
8 DONE BETTER. BUT I'M THANKFUL THAT WE HAVE PROGRAMS LIKE 2-1-1
9 THAT ARE ABLE TO BE THERE AND TO SUPPORT AND OFFER REAL
10 OPTIONS AND REAL HELP. IT'S A PRIVILEGE FOR ME TO BE HERE
11 TODAY. AND I'M HONORED TO BE WITH YOU. THANK YOU. [APPLAUSE.]

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13 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR MOLINA.
14 SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY, PLEASE.

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16 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** MR. CHAIRMAN, THANK YOU VERY MUCH. I'M
17 PLEASED TO RECOGNIZE DEBRA DAVIES, WHO IS A DIRECTOR OF
18 PROGRAMS FOR FRIENDS OF THE FAMILY. FRIENDS OF THE FAMILY IS A
19 COMPREHENSIVE FAMILY RESOURCE CENTER BASED IN VAN NUYS AND IS
20 KNOWN FOR ITS PIONEERING, INNOVATIVE PRACTICAL PROGRAMS FOR
21 DISADVANTAGED FAMILIES STRUGGLING TO PROVIDE CARE AND SUPPORT
22 FOR THEIR CHILDREN. FRIENDS OF THE FAMILY IS ALSO A VALUED
23 PARTNER AND LEAD AGENCY FOR OUR COUNTY'S PREVENTION
24 INITIATIVE. AT THE HEART OF FRIENDS OF THE FAMILY IS DEBRA
25 DAVIES. DEBRA IS A PASSIONATE ADVOCATE WHO IS BEING HONORED



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1 FOR CREATING THE FAMILY VISITATION CENTERS IN SPA 2. FRIENDS
2 OF THE FAMILY VISITATION CENTERS ARE NESTLED WITHIN LOCATIONS
3 THAT PROVIDE A HOME-LIKE ENVIRONMENT SO THAT PARENTS CAN VISIT
4 WITH THEIR CHILDREN IN PRIVACY AND IN DIGNITY. TRAINED
5 VOLUNTEERS SERVE AS COACHES WHO MONITOR THESE VISITS AND OFFER
6 SUPPORT, GUIDANCE AND POSITIVE REINFORCEMENT. DEBRA BEGAN THIS
7 INNOVATIVE PROGRAM IN 2009, WORKING IN CONCERT WITH THE D.C.
8 F.S. SHE LAID THE GROUNDWORK FOR THE CREATION OF FAMILY
9 VISITATION CENTERS TO SERVE THE SAN FERNANDO VALLEY AND THE
10 SANTA CLARITA D.C.F.S. OFFICES. IN AUGUST OF 2010, A PILOT
11 PROGRAM WAS CREATED AT GRACE BAPTIST CHURCH. DEBRA VOLUNTEERED
12 HER TIME AND RECRUITED VOLUNTEER COACHES FROM ST. CATHERINE OF
13 SIENNA CATHOLIC CHURCH IN RESEDA AND ST. PAUL'S UNITED
14 METHODIST CHURCH IN TARZANA. SINCE THEN DEBRA HAS WORKED
15 TIRELESSLY TO EXPAND THE CENTERS TO NOW INCLUDE ST. PAUL'S
16 UNITED METHODIST CHURCH IN TARZANA, CHURCH ON THE WAY IN VAN
17 NUYS, ST. SIMON'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH IN SAN FERNANDO, GRACE
18 BAPTIST CHURCH IN SANTA CLARITA AND TWO ADDITIONAL CHURCH
19 SITES OPENING LATER THIS YEAR. DEBRA HAS BEEN THE DRIVING
20 FORCE BEHIND THE IMPRESSIVE SUCCESS OF THIS PROGRAM. SINCE
21 INCEPTION, OVER 1,500 FAMILY VISITS HAVE BEEN FACILITATED
22 TOTALING OVER 2,900 HOURS. SHE'S WORKED WITH THOUSANDS OF
23 FAMILIES WHOSE CHILDREN HAVE BEEN REMOVED DUE TO ABUSE AND/OR
24 NEGLECT AND HAS AFFORDED THEM THE OPPORTUNITY TO WORK TOWARDS
25 A SUCCESSFUL YOU REUNIFICATION. IN RECOGNITION OF THIS



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1 TREMENDOUS IMPACT THAT DEBRA DAVIES HAS MADE IN OUR COMMUNITY,
2 IT GIVES ME GREAT PLEASURE TO PRESENT HER THIS SCROLL FOR HER
3 WORK IN CREATING FRIENDS OF THE FAMILY VISITATION CENTERS.
4 THANK YOU VERY MUCH, DEBRA. [APPLAUSE.]

5

6 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR
7 YAROSLAVSKY. WE NOW HEAR FROM SUPERVISOR DON KNABE.

8

9 **SUP. KNABE:** THANK YOU, MR. CHAIR, MEMBERS OF THE BOARD, I'M
10 ALSO HONORED TO BE ABLE TO HONOR BOTH A MOTHER FOR HER
11 RESILIENCE AS WELL AS A SOCIAL WORKER FOR HER STEADFAST
12 DETERMINATION. IT WAS A LONG AND INTENSE PERSONAL JOURNEY FOR
13 SALLY ARGON TO FINALLY BE REUNIFIED WITH HER DAUGHTER LAST
14 YEAR. THERE IS NO QUESTION THAT THERE WERE CHALLENGES AND
15 SETBACKS ALONG THE ROAD, BUT THE SUCCESS AND HAPPINESS THAT
16 SHE AND HER FAMILY NOW ENJOY ALL STARTED WITH THE SIMPLE
17 RESOLUTION TO NEVER EVER GIVE UP HOPE. AND NOW I'M PROUD TO
18 SAY THAT SHE'S AN EXAMPLE FOR ALL OF US. AND DUE TO OTHER
19 COMMITMENTS, SHE WAS UNABLE TO ATTEND, BUT IF IT WASN'T FOR
20 SALLY'S DETERMINATION, ALL OF WHAT SOCIAL WORKER NATALIE
21 STEWART DID ON HER BEHALF WOULD HAVE BEEN IN VAIN. AND NATALIE
22 TRULY WENT THE EXTRA MILE AND BEYOND. SHE WAS NOT ONLY SALLY'S
23 SOCIAL WORKER, SHE WAS HER ADVOCATE AND HER CONFIDENT. NATALIE
24 REMAINED IN CONSTANT COMMUNICATION WITH SALLY, ENCOURAGED HER
25 TO VISIT HER CHILDREN, TO ADDRESS HER ISSUES, TO PARTICIPATE



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1 IN ACTIVITIES. SHE GOT SALLY'S EXTENDED FAMILY INVOLVED TO
2 HELP, AND SHE COORDINATED SERVICES THAT WERE SO CRITICAL TO
3 BRINGING THIS FAMILY BACK TOGETHER TO REUNIFY. THIS JOURNEY
4 COULD HAVE ENDED IN ANOTHER WAY, WITH YET ANOTHER CHILD MOVING
5 ON AND AROUND TO DIFFERENT FOSTER HOMES OR CARE PLACEMENTS AND
6 EVENTUALLY AGING OUT OF OUR SYSTEM. INSTEAD, WE HAVE A MOTHER
7 WHO REFUSED TO GIVE UP. AND MOST IMPORTANTLY A SOCIAL WORKER
8 BOUND AND DETERMINED TO HELP BRING HER FAMILY BACK TOGETHER.
9 SO WE WANT TO GIVE OUR BEST WISHES TO SALLY. AND I KNOW THAT
10 NATALIE WILL CONVEY THAT ON BEHALF OF ALL OF US. BUT TO
11 NATALIE STEWART, TRULY ONE OF OUR ANGELS OF GOD, AND A ROLE
12 MODEL FOR ALL OF US. THANK YOU, NATALIE. [APPLAUSE.]

13

14 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR KNABE. AND
15 NOW WE'LL HEAR FROM SUPERVISOR MICHAEL D. ANTONOVICH.

16

17 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** MR. CHAIR AND MEMBERS, WE'RE GOING TO
18 RECOGNIZE MARK KING WHO HAS BEEN DEALING WITH MANY PERSONAL
19 PROBLEMS, AND THAT LED HIM AWAY FROM HIS FAMILY. HOWEVER, BY
20 VOLUNTARILY ENROLLING IN OUR COUNSELING PROGRAM, HE WAS ABLE
21 TO OVERCOME THOSE VARIOUS CHALLENGES. WORKING CLOSELY WITH THE
22 CHILDREN'S SOCIAL WORKER, HE WAS ABLE TO FULFILL THE
23 REQUIREMENTS FOR REUNIFICATION AND RETURN TO HIS FAMILY. HIS
24 CASE WAS CLOSED FOUR MONTHS LATER. MUCH OF HIS SUCCESS CAN BE
25 ATTRIBUTED TO THE ONGOING SUPPORT FROM HIS WIFE, SARAH, SARAH



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1 KING, AND THE SOCIAL WORKER, LISA POLISTER. SO WE WANT TO GIVE
2 THIS PROCLAMATION TO MARK FOR HIS SUCCESS IN WORKING TO KEEP
3 THIS FAMILY TOGETHER. [APPLAUSE.]

4

5 **SPEAKER:** I JUST WANT TO SAY THANK YOU FOR MARK. IT WAS A GREAT
6 TEAM EFFORT. THE SOCIAL WORKER JOB CAN BE REALLY TOUGH. IT'S
7 CASES LIKE THIS THAT ARE REALLY RECHARGING AND LETS US KNOW
8 WHY WE CAME TO THIS JOB IN THE FIRST PLACE. SO I'M VERY
9 THANKFUL TO HAVE A SUPPORTIVE TEAM AT MY OFFICE AND THIS
10 FAMILY AND THE MENTAL HEALTH TEAM THAT WAS REALLY ENCOURAGED
11 TO GET THIS FAMILY TOGETHER. THANK YOU. [APPLAUSE.]

12

13 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** WE'LL NOW HEAR FROM TWO MORE OF
14 THE LEADERS FROM THE COUNTY'S FAMILY REUNIFICATION EFFORT.
15 WE'RE GOING TO CALL FORTH CHIEF DEPUTY FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF
16 CHILDREN AND FAMILY SERVICES, THERESIA DAVENPORT. MS.
17 DAVENPORT? [APPLAUSE.]

18

19 **FELICIA DAVENPORT:** GOOD MORNING, EVERYONE. ON BEHALF OF MY
20 DIRECTOR, MR. PHILIP BROWNING, WHO COULD NOT BE HERE TODAY, I
21 WANT TO ACKNOWLEDGE AND THANK THE CHAIR, THE BOARD OF
22 SUPERVISORS AND C.E.O.'S OFFICE FOR HONORING AND ACKNOWLEDGING
23 REUNIFICATION WEEK AND THE HEROES AT REUNIFICATION WEEK. WE AT
24 THE DEPARTMENT REALIZES THAT EVERY CHILD WHO UNFORTUNATELY HAS
25 TO BE DETAINED SHOULD BE ENTITLED TO A SAFE, A LOVING AND A



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1 CARING HOME. AND OUR GOAL IS TO SAFELY REUNIFY CHILDREN WITH
2 THEIR PARENTS WHEN THEY CAN BE SAFELY REUNIFIED. I WANT TO
3 THANK OUR MANY COMMUNITY PARTNERS THAT WE WORK WITH DAY IN AND
4 DAY OUT, OUR COURT PARTNERS, OUR SOCIAL WORKERS, OUR
5 COMMUNITY-BASED ORGANIZATIONS AND OUR FAITH-BASED
6 ORGANIZATIONS. WE REALIZE THAT ALONE, INDIVIDUALLY EACH OF US
7 CAN ACHIEVE VERY LITTLE. BUT TOGETHER IF WE WORK COLLECTIVELY
8 AND COLLABORATIVELY, WE CAN ACHIEVE GREAT THINGS. AND WE CAN
9 REUNIFY EVEN MORE FAMILIES. I WANT TO ECHO A SENTIMENT THAT
10 THE CHAIR DISCUSSED EARLIER RELATIVE TO THE NUMBER OF FAMILIES
11 THAT HAVE BEEN REUNIFIED. BETWEEN 2003 AND 2012, THE
12 DEPARTMENT, WORKING WITH OUR MANY, MANY COMMUNITY PARTNERS,
13 HAVE REUNIFIED OVER 66,000 CHILDREN SAFELY WITH THEIR
14 FAMILIES. AND SO ON BEHALF OF MY DIRECTOR, MYSELF AND OUR
15 SOCIAL WORKERS WHO ARE BACK AT THE RANCH WORKING DILIGENTLY, I
16 WANT TO SALUTE OUR REUNIFICATION HEROES AND THANK YOU FOR ALL
17 OF THE WORK THAT YOU DO. THANK YOU. [APPLAUSE.]

18

19 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** SO IT'S ON BEHALF OF THE ENTIRE
20 BOARD OF SUPERVISORS THAT WE TAKE THIS OPPORTUNITY TO PRESENT
21 TO THE DEPARTMENT AND ALL OF ITS PARTNERS THIS SCROLL, THE
22 PROCLAMATION DECLARING FAMILY REUNIFICATION WEEK. WE DO THIS
23 WITH THE UTMOST RESPECT AND REGARD FOR THE QUALITY OF LIFE OF
24 THE CHILDREN AND THEIR FAMILIES TO LIVE, BUT NOT ONLY TO LIVE
25 BUT TO THRIVE HERE IN THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES. AND NOW FOR A



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1 CLOSING REMARKS OR THE BENEDICTION OR THE SENTENCE AS THE CASE
2 MAY BE, LET ME BRING FORTH THE PRESIDING JUDGE, THE HONORABLE
3 MICHAEL NASH. [APPLAUSE.]

4

5 **JUDGE MICHAEL NASH:** GOOD MORNING, EVERYBODY. I WANT TO
6 REITERATE THE COMMENTS MADE BY MS. DAVENPORT AND THAT IS
7 THANKS TO THE BOARD FOR RECOGNIZING THESE FOLKS TODAY WHO HAVE
8 CONTRIBUTED SIGNIFICANTLY TO OR HAVE EXEMPLIFIED THE
9 REUNIFICATION OF FAMILIES THROUGH OUR CHILD PROTECTION SYSTEM
10 HERE IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY. I ALSO WANT TO THANK THE BOARD FOR
11 PROCLAIMING THIS FAMILY REUNIFICATION WEEK SO THAT WE CANNOT
12 ONLY CELEBRATE THOSE FAMILIES WHO HAVE REUNIFIED, THOSE
13 FAMILIES WHO ARE IN THE PROCESS OF REUNIFICATION, AND THOSE
14 WHO WORK WITH THEM FROM OUR COURTS, TO LAWYERS WHO WORK IN THE
15 COURTS, TO THE SOCIAL WORKERS, TO THE SERVICE PROVIDERS, TO
16 THEIR FAMILIES, IT'S IMPORTANT THAT WE RECOGNIZE THIS AND
17 CELEBRATE THIS ASPECT OF EVERYBODY'S WORK. FINALLY, I WANT TO
18 THANK THE BOARD FOR HELPING US TO EDUCATE THROUGH FAMILY
19 REUNIFICATION WEEK, THE PUBLIC ABOUT THIS VERY IMPORTANT
20 ASPECT OF OUR WORK. THANK YOU AGAIN. [APPLAUSE.]

21

22 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** WE TAKE THE OPPORTUNITY TO
23 RECOGNIZE THE PRESIDING JUDGE OF OUR COURT SYSTEM, JUDGE
24 WESLEY. IF YOU WOULD JUST RISE SO THAT WE CAN ACKNOWLEDGE YOU.
25 HERE HE IS, GIVE HIM A ROUND OF APPLAUSE. WE THANK YOU FOR



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1 YOUR PRESENCE AND PARTICIPATION. AND WITH THAT, WE WILL TAKE
2 OUR NEXT PRESENTATION WHICH COMES FROM THE THIRD SUPERVISORIAL
3 DISTRICT. SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY, PLEASE. NATIONAL ALLIANCE ON
4 MENTAL ILLNESS, ET CETERA, RIGHT?

5

6 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** MR. CHAIRMAN, I'D LIKE TO ASK DR. MARV
7 SOUTHARD, THE DIRECTOR OF OUR DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH, AND
8 ALL THE FOLKS FROM NAMI, NATIONAL ALLIANCE ON MENTAL ILLNESS,
9 TO JOIN ME HERE. AS WE DO EVERY YEAR AT THIS TIME. MENTAL
10 ILLNESS AFFECTS ONE IN FOUR AMERICANS EVERY YEAR. AND CO-
11 OCCURRENCE OF MENTAL ILLNESS AND SUBSTANCE ABUSE IS A
12 SIGNIFICANT CONCERN THAT REQUIRES INTEGRATED MENTAL HEALTH
13 TREATMENT. THE COUNTY MADE A COMMITMENT TO COMMUNITY-BASED
14 SYSTEMS OF MENTAL HEALTH CARE FOR ALL RESIDENTS, RECOGNIZING
15 THAT MENTAL HEALTH IS A FUNDAMENTAL COMPONENT OF GENERAL
16 HEALTH AND INDISPENSABLE TO FAMILIES, PERSONAL RELATIONSHIPS
17 AND SOCIETAL INTERACTIONS. MENTAL ILLNESS SHOULD NOT BE AN
18 OBSTACLE TO A FULL AND MEANINGFUL LIFE. THE NATIONAL ALLIANCE
19 ON MENTAL ILLNESS, NAMI, RECOGNIZES THAT THE KEY CONCEPTS OF
20 RECOVERY, RESILIENCY AND SUPPORT ARE ESSENTIAL TO IMPROVING
21 THE WELLNESS AND QUALITY OF LIFE ALL PEOPLE AFFECTED BY MENTAL
22 ILLNESS AND ADVOCATES AND ALL GOVERNMENTAL AND POLITICAL
23 LEVELS TO INSURE THAT EVERYONE CAN RECEIVE THE SERVICES THAT
24 THEY NEED AND DESERVE IN A TIMELY FASHION. THE DEPARTMENT OF
25 MENTAL HEALTH AND NAMI HAVE JOINED THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS IN



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1 A FOCUSED EFFORT TO RAISE AWARENESS OF MENTAL HEALTH AND
2 MENTAL ILLNESS BY COHOSTING THE 10TH ANNUAL NAMI WALKS 5K,
3 THIS YEAR ENTITLED "CHANGING MINDS ONE STEP AT A TIME". TO BE
4 HELD ON SATURDAY, OCTOBER 5TH AT THE THIRD STREET PROMENADE IN
5 SANTA MONICA MARKING THE EIGHTH CONSECUTIVE YEAR THAT THE NAMI
6 WALKS HAVE BEEN HELD AT THIS LOCATION AND THE TENTH YEAR OF
7 NAMI WALKS IN THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES. SO THE BOARD WANTED
8 TO TAKE THIS OPPORTUNITY TO URGE ALL PEOPLE WITHIN THE SOUND
9 OF OUR COLLECTIVE VOICES TO PARTICIPATE IN THE NAMI WALKS 5K
10 ON OCTOBER 5TH IN SANTA MONICA. AND WE PROCLAIM OCTOBER 5TH
11 NAMI "WALKS FOR CHANGING MINDS ONE STEP AT A TIME" DAY IN THE
12 COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES. AND ALL INTERESTED COUNTY EMPLOYEES AND
13 RESIDENTS ARE ENCOURAGED, AS I SAID, TO PARTICIPATE IN THIS
14 GREAT COMMUNITY EVENT. I WANT TO INTRODUCE OF COURSE DR. MARV
15 SOUTHARD AND I WANT TO JUST INTRODUCE THE FOLKS WHO ARE HERE,
16 SHELLY HOFFMAN, THE WALK MANAGER FOR NAMI WALKS. HOLD YOUR
17 APPLAUSE. BRITTANY WEISSMAN, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF NAMI LOS
18 ANGELES COUNTY COUNCIL, DAVID ESTRADA OF NAMI POMONA VALLEY.
19 HELEN DITCO WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH ALONG WITH
20 KUMAR MENIN, DESTINY WALKER, AND ADRIAN HAMMOND ALSO WITH THE
21 DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH. THEY'RE ALL HERE. AND I
22 PARTICIPATED IN THE WALK ON A NUMBER OF OCCASIONS. IT'S
23 GETTING BIGGER EVERY YEAR. WE'RE GOING TO HAVE TO FIND A
24 BIGGER PLACE THAN THE PROMENADE BECAUSE THEY CAN'T HOLD THAT
25 MANY PEOPLE. BUT WE DO KNOW HOW MENTAL HEALTH AFFECTS JUST



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1 ABOUT EVERY ASPECT OF SOCIETY AND EVERY ASPECT OF WHAT WE DO
2 HERE AS A COUNTY, WHETHER IT'S HOMELESSNESS OR CRIMINAL
3 JUSTICE OR JUST GENERAL HEALTH, MENTAL HEALTH IN SO MANY CASES
4 IS A FACTOR. AND NAMI HAS BEEN AT THE FOREFRONT OF
5 DESTIGMATIZING THIS PARTICULAR ILLNESS AND BRINGING IT INTO
6 THE MAIN STREAM, SO TO SPEAK, AND BRINGING THE REST OF US INTO
7 THE MAINSTREAM TO EMBRACE THIS ILLNESS BECAUSE LIKE ANY OTHER
8 ILLNESS, IT COULD BE TREATED EFFECTIVELY AND PEOPLE WITH THIS
9 ILLNESS CAN FUNCTION CONVENTIONALLY WITH THE APPROPRIATE
10 TREATMENT AND SOMETIMES MEDICATION. SO LET ME PRESENT THIS TO
11 ALL OF YOU AND THEN I'LL ASK MARV AND WHOEVER IS SPEAKING FOR
12 THE GROUP TO SAY A COUPLE OF WORDS.

13

14 **DR. MARVIN SOUTHARD:** THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR. THANK YOU,
15 SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY AND THE BOARD, FOR YOUR SUPPORT FOR
16 MENTAL HEALTH AND FOR NAMI WALK. I'D LIKE TO SAY THAT THIS
17 YEAR'S THEME, "CHANGING MINDS ONE STEP AT A TIME" IS
18 COMPLETELY APPROPRIATE BECAUSE THAT'S WHAT NAMI HAS DONE
19 THROUGH THE YEARS. NAMI HAS TWO MAJOR FUNCTIONS. THE FIRST OF
20 THOSE FUNCTIONS IS TO ADVOCATE FOR PEOPLE WITH MENTAL ILLNESS
21 AND THEIR FAMILIES SO THAT THEY GET THE SUPPORT THAT THEY
22 NEED. BUT THE SECOND THING IS THAT NAMI MEMBERS SUPPORT ONE
23 ANOTHER IN THEIR QUEST TO MAKE SURE THAT THEIR LOVED ONES
24 ACHIEVE RECOVERY. AND I KNOW WHEN MENTAL ILLNESS AND ADDICTION
25 TOUCHED MY FAMILY, THE INPUT OF NAMI WAS CRUCIAL TO THE



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1 RECOVERY PROCESS. SO I'D LIKE TO EXPRESS MY PROFESSIONAL AND
2 MY PERSONAL GRATITUDE TO NAMI FOR HOW YOU HAVE CHANGED THE
3 MINDS OF AMERICA ONE STEP AT A TIME. SO THANK YOU. [APPLAUSE.]

4

5 **BRITTANY WEISSMAN:** IT'S BEEN MY PRIVILEGE TO BE NAMI WALK
6 MANAGER THIS YEAR FOR LOS ANGELES COUNTY. AND I'D LIKE TO
7 THANK THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS VERY MUCH FOR THIS SCROLL. IT'S
8 BEAUTIFUL. NAMI PROVIDES FREE PROGRAMS OF EDUCATION AND
9 SUPPORT TO PEOPLE WITH MENTAL ILLNESS, TO THEIR FAMILIES AND
10 TO THE COMMUNITY AT LARGE. SO THERE IS NO BARRIER. AND PEOPLE
11 CAN GET THE HELP THEY NEED. I'D LIKE TO URGE ALL OF YOU TO
12 PARTICIPATE AS ONE IN FOUR WILL EXPERIENCE A MENTAL HEALTH
13 CONDITION IN ANY GIVEN YEAR. AND FIFTY-SEVEN MILLION AMERICANS
14 HAVE A SERIOUS MENTAL ILLNESS. THE REASON WE DON'T KNOW ABOUT
15 IT IS BECAUSE OF STIGMA. NAMI IS ABOUT REDUCING STIGMA. PLEASE
16 JOIN US. GO ON TO THE NAMI WALKS.ORG/LOS ANGELES COUNTY
17 WEBSITE. JOIN US. FORM A TEAM. REGISTER. WALK WITH US. THANK
18 YOU SO MUCH. [APPLAUSE.]

19

20 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR
21 ANTONOVICH. NOW FOR YOUR PRESENTATIONS.

22

23 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** MR. CHAIRMAN, MEMBERS, IT DOESN'T SEEM IT'S
24 BEEN A YEAR SINCE WE HAD THIS PROCLAMATION BECAUSE SEPTEMBER
25 IS HYDROCEPHALUS MONTH THAT THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES



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1 PROCLAIMS EACH YEAR. AND SHARON AND HER HUSBAND SACHI AND
2 THEIR DAUGHTER BECKY AND SON JOSH IS HERE AS WE BRING FORWARD
3 THIS PROCLAMATION. HYDROCEPHALUS IS A NEUROLOGICAL CONDITION
4 CHARACTERIZED BY AN ABNORMAL BUILDUP OF FLUIDS IN THE BRAIN.
5 THERE'S NO KNOWN CURE FOR THIS, WHICH AFFECTS APPROXIMATELY
6 ONE MILLION AMERICANS. ONE OR TWO EVERY ONE THOUSAND BABIES
7 ARE BORN WITH THIS, AND OVER THREE HUNDRED AND SEVENTY-FIVE
8 THOUSAND OLDER AMERICANS HAVE HYDROCEPHALUS, WHICH OFTEN GOES
9 UNDETECTED OR IS MISMANAGED, MISS DIAGNOSED AS DEMENTIA OR
10 ALZHEIMER'S DISEASE OR EVEN PARKINSON'S DISEASE. THERE ARE
11 FEWER THAN 10 CENTERS IN THE UNITED STATES THAT SPECIALIZE IN
12 THIS TREATMENT FOR ADULTS WITH NORMAL PRESSURE HYDROCEPHALUS.
13 EACH YEAR, IN EXPRESS OF ONE BILLION DOLLARS IS SPENT TREATING
14 THIS. AND SO AS A RESULT, WE BRING ATTENTION EACH YEAR. SHARON
15 HAS SERVED MANY YEARS, AS WELL, AS A MEMBER OF THE ACTIVE
16 COMMUNITY WITH HER HUSBAND, SACHI, AND LA CRESCENTA AND WITH
17 OUR TOWN COUNCIL AND OTHER LOCAL ORGANIZATIONS. WE APPRECIATE
18 HER LEADERSHIP IN BRINGING AWARENESS OF THIS TO OUR COUNTY AND
19 OUR STATE AND NATION. SO ONCE AGAIN, BECKY AND JOSH, WE
20 WELCOME YOU. WE WATCHED YOU GROWING OVER THE YEARS. NOW YOU
21 GUYS CAN STAND UP AND YOU LOOK SO BEAUTIFUL. SO
22 CONGRATULATIONS AS WE GIVE YOUR MOM AND YOUR FATHER THIS
23 PROCLAMATION. [APPLAUSE.]
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1 **SHARON RAGHACHARY:** OUR SON JOSH WAS DIAGNOSED WITH
2 HYDROCEPHALUS WHEN HE WAS SIX MONTHS OLD. HE HAD HIS FIRST
3 BRAIN SURGERY AT EIGHT MONTHS AND SECOND AT TWENTY-SIX MONTHS.
4 HE'S FORTUNATE WITH ONLY TWO BRAIN SURGERIES. THERE IS A
5 PHRASE THAT THE HYDROCEPHALUS ASSOCIATION USES THAT SAYS "SIX
6 IS TYPICAL, ONE HUNDRED IS NOT UNHEARD OF". THAT'S ONE HUNDRED
7 BRAIN SURGERIES IN CHILDREN BEFORE THEY REACH ADULTHOOD.
8 THAT'S NOT ACCEPTABLE. THE SHUNTS THAT THEY USE TO TREAT
9 HYDROCEPHALUS WERE DEVELOPED IN THE '50S AND EARLY '60S. THEY
10 HAVEN'T CHANGED. THEY FAIL, THE AVERAGE SHUNT FUNCTIONS FOR
11 TWO YEARS. IF YOU GET TO FIVE, IT'S CONSIDERED ALMOST A
12 MIRACLE TO HAVE A SHUNT LAST THAT LONG. JOSH HAS NOT HAD A
13 SHUNT PLACED SINCE HE WAS TWO YEARS OLD. HE'S NOW NINE. SO
14 HE'S VERY FORTUNATE. BUT WE KNOW THAT HE'S NOT GOING TO BE
15 FORTUNATE FOREVER. NONE OF THESE KIDS GET BY WITHOUT HAVING
16 BRAIN SURGERIES. THE RISK OF INFECTION AND EVEN DEATH IS
17 EXTREMELY HIGH. SO WE NEED TO HAVE AWARENESS. MOST PEOPLE HAVE
18 NEVER HEARD OF HYDROCEPHALUS. IF I SAY TO SOMEONE, "JOSH HAS
19 HYDROCEPHALUS." THEY SAY "WHAT IS THAT? HYDRO WHAT?" SO WE
20 NEED TO GET AWARENESS WHICH THEN IN TURN WOULD TRANSLATE INTO
21 DOLLARS FOR RESEARCH. THESE CHILDREN NEED TO HAVE A BETTER
22 SOLUTION THAN A SHUNT THAT DOESN'T FUNCTION WELL. THANK YOU.
23 [APPLAUSE.]
24



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1 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** ALL OF US OVER THE YEARS HAVE BEEN WORKING
2 VERY CLOSELY WITH JOHN, I SHOULD SAY DAVID. LET ME START ALL
3 OVER AGAIN. OUR SUPERIOR COURT HAS DONE A SUPERB JOB AND JOHN
4 CLARK, WHO IS RETIRING, IS NOW BEING REPLACED BY SHERRI
5 CARTER, WHO IS THE NEW EXECUTIVE OFFICER OF THE SUPERIOR
6 COURT. AND PRIOR TO THE COUNTY'S COMING TO LOS ANGELES, SHE
7 WAS EXECUTIVE OFFICER FOR THE SUPERIOR COURT IN RIVERSIDE
8 COUNTY, AND PREVIOUSLY WAS AN EXECUTIVE OFFICER OF THE UNITED
9 STATES DISTRICT COURT'S CENTRAL DISTRICT. AND WE WELCOME
10 SHERRI. JOHN HAS BEEN QUITE INVOLVED. WE'VE HAD MANY MEETINGS
11 IN ALL OF THEIR OFFICES WORKING BOTH WITH PUBLIC SAFETY, THE
12 SHERIFF, THE PUBLIC DEFENDER, THE DISTRICT ATTORNEY, THE
13 EXECUTIVE OFFICE AND EACH OF THE SUPERVISORS' OFFICE. JOHN HAS
14 DONE A SUPERB JOB AND WE KNOW THAT SHERRI WILL BE FILLING
15 THOSE SAME RESPONSIBILITIES WITH THE SAME INTEGRITY, HONESTY
16 AND PERSEVERANCE AND INSURING THAT WE CAN DO THE BEST THAT WE
17 CAN TO HAVE THE BEST JUDICIAL SYSTEM IN THE STATE AND NATION.
18 SO, SHERRI, WELCOME TO THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES. WITH OUR
19 PRESIDING JUDGE.

20

21 **SHERRI CARTER:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR A WARM WELCOME. I'M
22 ACTUALLY A LONG TERM RESIDENT OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY. I'VE
23 LIVED IN SUPERVISOR KNABE'S DISTRICT FOR ABOUT 30 YEARS. SO I
24 LOOK FORWARD TO WORKING WITH ALL OF YOU AND SERVING THE
25 CITIZENS OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY. I'M SCHEDULING APPOINTMENTS TO



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1 MEET WITH YOUR STAFF AND FINDING OUT HOW THINGS ARE IN YOUR
2 DISTRICT AND LETTING YOU KNOW HOW THINGS ARE GOING WITH THE
3 COURT. SO THANK YOU VERY MUCH. SEPTEMBER 19TH IS "NO TEXTING
4 WHILE DRIVING DAY" IN THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES. TEXT
5 MESSAGING IS A MAJOR FORM OF COMMUNICATION FOR MOST AMERICAN
6 TEENAGERS WITH HALF OF OUR TEENS SENDING 21 TO 70 TEXTS A DAY.
7 ONE TEXT CAN TAKE THE DRIVER'S EYES OFF THE ROAD FOR AN
8 AVERAGE OF FIVE SECONDS. IN AN AT&T SURVEY, 43 PERCENT OF
9 AMERICAN TEEN DRIVERS ADMITTED TO TEXTING WHILE DRIVING EVEN
10 THOUGH 97 PERCENT OF THEM KNOW IT IS DANGEROUS. A VIRGINIA
11 TECH TRANSPORTATION INSTITUTE STUDY SHOWED THOSE WHO SEND TEXT
12 MESSAGES WHILE DRIVING ARE 23 TIMES MORE LIKELY TO CRASH. A
13 DRIVER WHO SENDS A TEXT MESSAGE WHILE DRIVING JEOPARDIZES NOT
14 ONLY THEMSELVES BUT THE SAFETY OF THEIR PASSENGERS,
15 PEDESTRIANS AND OTHERS. TODAY WE ASK ALL RESIDENTS TO PLEDGE
16 NOT TO TEXT WHILE DRIVING TODAY . "IT CAN WAIT" IS THE THEME
17 WE'RE SAYING. AND TO HELP RAISE AWARENESS, DAN VETO, WHO IS
18 EXTERNAL AFFAIRS MANAGER WITH AT&T WILL BE ONCE AGAIN
19 ACCEPTING THIS PROCLAMATION. IT DOESN'T SEEM LIKE IT'S BEEN A
20 YEAR, AS WELL, THAT YOU WERE HERE FOR THIS PROCLAMATION. SO,
21 DAN, CONGRATULATIONS. [APPLAUSE.]

22

23 **DAN VETO:** THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH AND MEMBERS OF THE
24 BOARD. ON BEHALF OF AT&T, IT'S MY PLEASURE TO ACCEPT THIS
25 COMMENDATION AND TO THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTINUED SUPPORT FOR



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1 OUR EFFORTS TO STEM THE TIDE OF TEXTING WHILE DRIVING. ALL OF
2 US KNOW OF THE DANGERS OF TEXTING WHILE DRIVING, BUT STUDIES
3 SHOW THAT MORE THAN HALF OF US DO IT ANYWAY. SO AT&T'S
4 DEVELOPED A WEBSITE ITCANWAIT.COM WE INVITE YOU TO COME AND
5 LEARN MORE ABOUT THE DANGERS OF TEXTING WHILE DRIVING AND TO
6 MAKE A COMMITMENT TO TAKE A PLEDGE TO NEVER TEXT AND DRIVE
7 AGAIN. SO, AGAIN, THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR YOUR SUPPORT OF OUR
8 CAMPAIGN. THANK YOU. [APPLAUSE.] AND NOW WE HAVE A LITTLE 12-
9 YEAR-OLD -- EXCUSE ME. 12 MONTH OLD LITTLE BOY. THIS IS A
10 BOXER-TERRIER MIX. TERRIER MIX NAMED BEAR. HE LOOKS LIKE A
11 LITTLE BEAR. LOOKING TO BRING LOVE TO YOUR HOME. SO ANYBODY
12 WHO WOULD LIKE TO ADOPT LITTLE BEAR, YOU CAN CALL THE
13 TELEPHONE NUMBER 562-728-4610. NOW, WHEN I WAS IN CHINA LAST
14 WEEK, WHO GAVE AWAY THE LITTLE PUPPY? DID WE HAVE ONE LAST
15 WEEK?

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17 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** WE DIDN'T.

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19 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** WE DIDN'T HAVE ONE LAST WEEK. THAT MEANS
20 WE'LL HAVE TO HAVE TWO NEXT WEEK. WE WILL HAVE TWO NEXT WEEK
21 BECAUSE WE DON'T WANT TO BREAK OUR RECORD OF ALL THESE YEARS
22 HAVING ALL THESE LITTLE ANIMALS BEING ABLE TO HAVE A HOME.
23 THERE'S LITTLE BEAR. CUTE. IT IS A TERRIER MIX. WON'T GET MUCH
24 BIGGER. LOOK AT HIS PAWS. ABOUT A SIZE 10. [LAUGHTER.]

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1 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** LADIES AND GENTLEMEN, FRET NOT,
2 I'M GOING TO REGAIN CONTROL OF THE MEETING IN JUST A FEW
3 MOMENTS. THANK YOU. SUPERVISOR, ARE YOU AND BEAR DONE NOW? ALL
4 RIGHT. THANK YOU VERY MUCH. WE'RE GOING TO -- BECAUSE YOU ARE
5 ABOUT TO GET A 4-1 VOTE ON THE ADOPTION OF BEAR, THE OTHER
6 MEMBERS OF THE BOARD ARE INTERESTED IN ONE NIGHT EACH OF
7 SUPERVISION. ALL RIGHT. WE'RE GOING TO MOVE TO THOSE WHO WISH
8 TO BE HEARD BY WAY OF PUBLIC COMMENT ON THOSE ITEMS THAT WE
9 CONSIDER CONSENT. I BEGIN WITH BARRY SAUNDERS FOLLOWED BY
10 ARNOLD SACHS AND FINALLY ERIC PREVEN. IN THAT ORDER, PLEASE,
11 IF YOU WOULD COME FORWARD. PROFESSOR SANDERS, PLEASE PROCEED.

12

13 **BARRY SANDERS:** GOOD MORNING, I'M BARRY SANDERS, CHAIRMAN OF
14 THE SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA COMMITTEE FOR THE OLYMPIC GAMES. IT'S
15 AN HONOR AND A PRIVILEGE TO SPEAK BEFORE THE BOARD OF
16 SUPERVISORS. THANK YOU FOR ALLOWING ME TO DO SO. I'M SPEAKING
17 IN SUPPORT OF YOUR ITEM SIX, A FIVE-SIGNATURE LETTER THAT
18 WOULD BE SUPPORTIVE OF THE BID OF LOS ANGELES FOR THE 2024
19 OLYMPIC AND PARA-OLYMPIC GAMES. THIS IS AN EFFORT THAT IS
20 MOUNTED BY THE SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA COMMITTEE ON BEHALF OF THE
21 ENTIRE REGION. WE ARE A PRIVATE SECTOR ORGANIZATION FOUNDED IN
22 1939 TO SUPPORT THE OLYMPIC MOVEMENT AND TO BID, AS WE HAVE
23 DONE REPEATEDLY AND WITH SOME SUCCESS, TO BRING THE OLYMPIC
24 GAMES TO OUR COMMUNITY. IN DOING THIS, WE WOULD STAGE THE
25 GAMES IN THE WAY WE HAVE DONE IT FINANCIALLY IN THE PAST. WE



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1 WOULD NOT BE LOOKING TO THE COUNTY OR ANY OTHER LEVEL OF
2 GOVERNMENT FOR TAXPAYER APPROPRIATIONS TO OUR BUDGET IN THE
3 BID. AND SHOULD WE BE AWARDED THE GAMES, WE WOULD NOT
4 ANTICIPATE THAT THE ORGANIZING COMMITTEE WOULD DO SO, EITHER.
5 WHAT WE DO REQUIRE, THOUGH, IN ORDER TO SUCCEED, IS THE
6 SUPPORT, THE ENTHUSIASM, THE COOPERATION AND THE PARTNERSHIP
7 OF ALL LEVELS OF GOVERNMENT, PARTICULARLY THE COUNTY. AND I
8 EMPHASIZE PARTICULARLY THE COUNTY. THIS COUNTY, AS IS OFTEN
9 SAID AND WE ALL KNOW, HAS 88 CITIES. THE LARGEST OF THEM IS
10 THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES. AND WE ALREADY ENJOY THE UNANIMOUS
11 SUPPORT OF CITY COUNCIL AND THE MAYOR. AND THAT'S VERY
12 IMPORTANT FOR US. BUT WE ARE VERY AWARE THAT MORE THAN HALF OF
13 THE VENUES WE WILL USE SHOULD WE BE AWARDED THE GAMES ARE
14 OUTSIDE THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES. IT'S VERY IMPORTANT FOR US
15 THAT WE HAVE THE GOVERNMENTS, THE LOCAL GOVERNMENTS, THE
16 COUNTY GOVERNMENT THAT APPLY TO PLACES, IMPORTANT PLACES FOR
17 OUR VENUES, SUCH AS LONG BEACH AND PASADENA, ARCADIA, OTHER
18 COMMUNITIES ALL ACROSS THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES EQUALLY
19 SUPPORTIVE. SO I COME TO YOU TO TELL YOU HOW MUCH IT MATTERS
20 TO US NOT ONLY IN THE ACTUAL EXECUTION OF WHAT WE'RE DOING IN
21 TERMS OF BEING ABLE TO HAVE YOUR SUPPORT AND COOPERATION AND
22 YOUR ENTHUSIASM, BUT ALSO IN BEING CONSIDERED IN COMPARISON TO
23 OTHER CITIES, BOTH THE U.S. OLYMPIC COMMITTEE IN DECIDING
24 WHICH AMERICAN CITY SHALL BE THE BID CITY, AND THEN THE
25 INTERNATIONAL OLYMPIC COMMITTEE IN THE FINAL RACE LOOKED VERY



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1 CAREFULLY AT THE LEVEL OF GOVERNMENTAL AND PUBLIC SUPPORT. IN
2 THE PAST, WE'VE ALWAYS UNIQUELY ENJOYED UNANIMOUS SUPPORT. NO
3 OTHER CITY CAN SAY IT FROM OUR GOVERNMENT AT ALL LEVELS,
4 INCLUDING THIS COUNTY GOVERNMENT. AND ALSO WE'VE ENJOYED
5 REMARKABLE -- OVER 90 PERCENT SUPPORT FROM OUR GENERAL PUBLIC.
6 WE POLLED THEM WHEN BIDDING FOR 2016 WHEN IT CAME DOWN TO JUST
7 US AND CHICAGO. AND WE'RE CONFIDENT THAT IF WE POLLED AGAIN,
8 WE WOULD SEE THE SAME LEVEL OF SUPPORT. SO I'M HERE TO THANK
9 YOU AND HOPE THAT YOU WILL JOIN IN THE FIVE-SIGNATURE LETTER.

10

11 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** WE THANK YOU FOR YOUR TESTIMONY
12 AND FOR YOUR SERVICE. NOT ONLY YOUR SERVICE BUT YOUR
13 LEADERSHIP DOWN THROUGH THE YEARS ON MANY CIVIC FRONTS, LADIES
14 AND GENTLEMEN, THAT'S BARRY SANDERS. THANK YOU, SIR.

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16 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH, ALL OF YOU. MR.
17 CHAIRMAN, IF I CAN ADD A WORD ON BARRY. HE WAS VERY INVOLVED
18 IN THE 1984 EFFORT WHEN HE WAS A LITTLE BIT YOUNGER.
19 [LAUGHTER.] AND HE HAS BEEN INDEFATIGABLE TO TRYING TO RETURN
20 THE OLYMPIC GAMES TO LOS ANGELES EVER SINCE. NO MATTER WHAT
21 ROADBLOCKS HAVE BEEN PUT IN HIS WAY IN OUR COLLECTIVE WAY, HE
22 HAS ALWAYS SEEN THE OPTIMISTIC SIDE OF IT AND THE
23 POSSIBILITIES. AND I THINK YOUR PERSEVERANCE IS PAYING OFF. I
24 THINK JUDGING FROM WHAT YOU'VE TOLD US AND WHAT WE READ IN THE



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1 PAPERS, I THINK 2024 MAY GIVE US OUR BEST SHOT YET. SO THANK
2 YOU FOR YOUR COMMITMENT TO THIS EFFORT.

3

4 **BARRY SANDERS:** THANK YOU FOR YOUR COMMENT. IN THIS GAME,
5 PERSISTENCE WINS. TOKYO BID MANY TIMES AND TOKYO GOT IT. THANK
6 YOU.

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8 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU ALL.

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10 **SUP. KNABE:** THANK YOU, BARRY.

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12 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** LET THE RECORD REFLECT THAT
13 SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY BEGAN BY INDICATING THAT MR. SANDERS
14 WAS AN ADVOCATE FOR THE '32 OLYMPICS. I DID HAVE TO CORRECT
15 HIM AT THAT POINT AND SAY IT WAS THE '84. THANKS SO MUCH. YOU
16 LOOK GOOD FOR 102, BARRY. THANK YOU. [LAUGHTER.] ALL RIGHT.
17 PROCEED.

18

19 **ARNOLD SACHS:** YES, THANK YOU, GOOD MORNING. ARNOLD SACHS. AND
20 I, TOO, HELD SOME ITEMS. I ALSO HELD THE OLYMPICS. BUT NOT
21 NECESSARILY FOR THE SAME REASON AS THE PREVIOUS SPEAKER. BUT I
22 JUST LOOK AT IT AS AN OPPORTUNITY MAYBE TO GET A RAIL LINE
23 FROM THE AIRPORT CONNECTING TO THE REST OF THE RAIL
24 INFRASTRUCTURE AT THE CITY BECAUSE OTHERWISE THERE'S LIKE I'M
25 SURE, I CAN'T BE POSITIVE BECAUSE I REALLY WASN'T IN THE



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1 POLITICAL DISCUSSION THEN, 1984 THERE WAS SOME DISCUSSION OF
2 HAVING A RAIL LINE FROM LAX TO THE REST OF THE CITY. AND NOW
3 40 YEARS LATER, THIS COULD BE THE IMPETUS. AT LEAST THE
4 IMPETUS TO STEAL A LOT MORE MONEY FROM THE M.T.A., BECAUSE YOU
5 NEVER KNOW. WE HAVE ALL KINDS OF PROGRAMS IN FLUX RIGHT NOW.
6 BUT IT'S ALL BASED ON MONEY. AND WE SEEM TO BE SHORT MONEY
7 EVERYWHERE FOR THE M.T.A. SO LET THE OLYMPICS ROLL. AND MAYBE
8 WE'LL HAVE A TRAIN AT THE SAME TIME. I HELD ITEM NUMBER 3. YOU
9 WANT TO HAVE THE L.A. COUNTY SHERIFF'S OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE.
10 AND YOU WANT PART OF THIS ITEM ON YOUR AGENDA SAYS FORMALIZING
11 RELATIONSHIPS BETWEEN THE COMMISSION, THE OFFICE OF THE
12 INSPECTOR GENERAL, THE OVERSIGHT COMMISSION AND YOU, THE
13 BOARD. WELL, YOU APPOINT THE OVERSIGHT COMMISSION. THAT'S WHAT
14 YOU PLAN ON DOING TODAY. YOU ALSO APPOINT THE INSPECTOR
15 GENERAL. AND THAT LEAVES YOU. SO ALL THESE APPOINTEES ARE JUST
16 BETWEEN YOU AND, WHAT? YOU DON'T KNOW WHAT YOUR RIGHT HAND
17 DOES FROM YOUR LEFT HAND 90 PERCENT OF THE TIME. SO WHAT KIND
18 OF RELATIONSHIP ARE YOU LOOKING AT? BACK IN OCTOBER OF 2012,
19 SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS, WHO WASN'T THE MAYOR AT THE TIME,
20 MENTIONED -- PUT AN ITEM IN 43-A, INDEPENDENT CITIES LAW
21 ENFORCEMENT COMMISSION. HOW'S THAT GOING? WHAT'S THE STATUS ON
22 THE INDEPENDENT CITIZENS LAW ENFORCEMENT COMMISSION? DO YOU
23 HAVE ANY UPDATE ON THAT? ALMOST A YEAR LATER? SOMEBODY,
24 SOMETHING? NO. AND SO I HELD ITEM NUMBER 8. INDIVIDUALS TAKE
25 RESPONSIBILITY. YOU WANT INDIVIDUALS TO TAKE RESPONSIBILITY



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1 AND ACTION BY BECOMING PREPARED, INFORMED AND ACTIVELY
2 INVOLVED IN DISASTER PREPAREDNESS. WELL, ONE OF THE REASONS I
3 COME HERE IS BECAUSE WHO NEVER KNOWS WHAT DISASTER YOU'RE
4 GOING TO LAUNCH NEXT. SO I'M TRYING TO BECOME INFORMED. CAN
5 YOU TELL ME WHAT'S GOING ON WITH THE CITIZENS' LAW ENFORCEMENT
6 COMMISSION? GOT NO ANSWER. TRY TO BECOME INFORMED, YOU KNOW
7 SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS, THE LAST COUPLE OF MEETINGS YOU TOOK
8 THE OPPORTUNITY TO CORRECT ME. OR, NO, EXCUSE ME. YOU SAID I
9 WAS WRONG ABOUT SOME STATEMENTS THAT I MADE BUT YOU NEVER
10 REALLY CORRECTED ME. SO I'M TRYING TO BECOME INFORMED. AND AS
11 SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY SAID A COUPLE WEEKS AGO ABOUT THE
12 UNINFORMED PUBLIC, I'M TRYING TO BECOME INFORMED. I WANT TO BE
13 READY FOR THE NEXT DISASTER.

14

15 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU. ALL RIGHT. NEXT
16 SPEAKER, PLEASE.

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18 **ERIC PREVEN:** YES. IT'S ERIC PREVEN THE COUNTY RESIDENT FROM
19 DISTRICT 3 AND GOOD MORNING, SUPERVISORS. I WOULD LIKE TO ECHO
20 MY SUPPORT FOR THE OLYMPICS COMING TO LOS ANGELES IN 2024.
21 THAT WOULD BE GREAT. AND GOOGLE MR. SANDERS. A GREAT N.F.L.
22 STAR, AS WELL, YOU KNOW. ITEM 22 ON THE OTHER HAND IS A BIG
23 DEAL FOR A VENDING COMPANY CALLED COMPASS GROUP U.S.A. NOW
24 COMPASS STARTED OVER IN GREAT BRITAIN BUT NOW IT'S OUT OF
25 NORTH CAROLINA. NOW THIS GROUP, MR. FUJIOKA HAS JUST GRAPPLED



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1 WITH THEM AND TAKEN THEM TO THE FLOOR ON A DEAL TO MANAGE 400
2 VENDING MACHINES. NOW, THIS GROUP IS ENORMOUS. THIS GROUP HAS
3 I BELIEVE THEY HAVE A BILLION DOLLARS, JUST CANTEEN WHICH IS
4 ONE OF THE COMPANIES THAT IS MANAGING THIS, TAKES A BILLION IN
5 REVENUE A YEAR, NOT FROM US. BUT THE QUESTION IS: WHAT DO THEY
6 TAKE FROM US? AND OBVIOUSLY WE'VE SQUEEZED THEM FOR
7 APPROXIMATELY I THINK IT'S 600,000 FOR 15 YEARS PLUS THEY'RE
8 GOING TO PAY US 36 PERCENT, WHICH IS -- I TRIED TO BENCHMARK
9 IT. I THINK IF YOU'RE A REGULAR BUSINESS, YOU GET 50 PERCENT.
10 BUT I GUESS WE'RE GOING TO TAKE 36 FOR SOME REASON. THE
11 DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND REC, WHICH THIS DOES NOT INCLUDE, THEY
12 OPTED OUT. OBVIOUSLY THEY'LL LEAVE AMERICAN GOLF TO HANDLE THE
13 PERCENTAGES FOR THEM. I DON'T KNOW. I WISH THAT THERE WAS A
14 WAY THAT, YOU KNOW, WE COULD HAVE RUN THE R.F.P. DIFFERENTLY.
15 BECAUSE WHEN YOU RUN AN R.F.P. FOR 400 VENDING MACHINES,
16 OBVIOUSLY VERY FEW SMALLER OPERATORS CAN SHOW UP BECAUSE THEY
17 DON'T HAVE 400 AND THEY CAN'T MANAGE THAT KIND OF VOLUME. BUT
18 HAD YOU ENVISIONED IT DIFFERENTLY WHERE OUR GREAT COUNTY SET
19 UP WHERE A FEW SMALL COMPANIES COULD HAVE HANDLED MANAGING A
20 FEW VENDING MACHINES, WELL THAT LOOKS LIKE SOMETHING THAT
21 MIGHT DRAG SOMEONE OUT OF THE WHAT I LIKE TO CALL 11 DOLLAR AN
22 HOUR SECTION WHERE IT'S ALMOST IMPOSSIBLE ON A FULL 40-HOUR
23 WEEK TO RAISE A FAMILY ON THAT KIND OF MONEY. BUT INSTEAD
24 WE'VE GONE UPSCALE, VERY, VERY UPSCALE. IT'S VERY WORRISOME
25 AND I THINK DISAPPOINTING. THERE'S A LOT OF STUFF ON THE JAILS



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1 TODAY ON THE S ITEM. SO I'M GOING TO TRY TO HOLD BACK ON THAT
2 BUT ITEM 25 SEEMS TO BE A MOVE FORWARD FOR TRAINING FOR SOME
3 GUYS FOR A FIRE CAMP PROGRAM. IT DOESN'T SOUND ALL BAD, BUT IT
4 SEEMS LIKE WHERE DOES THAT FIT WITH THE REST OF THE PUZZLE?
5 AND WHERE ARE WE WITH JAMES AUSTIN? THE GUY DID A GREAT REPORT
6 ON HOW TO DO IT WITHOUT BUILDING AN EXPANSIVE NEW JAIL SYSTEM,
7 AND YET WE'VE GONE IN THE OPPOSITE DIRECTION. THAT REALLY IS
8 WORRISOME. VANIR WHO OBVIOUSLY IS POSITIONED AS AN INDEPENDENT
9 GROUP IS NOT SO INDEPENDENT AND WE'RE GOING TO HAVE TO SEE.
10 NOW ITEM NUMBER 3, I HAVE TO COMMEND THE BOARD, THEY ARE
11 LEANING IN THE DIRECTION OF IT LOOKS LIKE CIVILIAN OVERSIGHT
12 FOR THE SHERIFF. YOU KNOW, I WOULD THROW MY HAT IN THE RING.
13 I'M SURE MANY MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC WHO ARE INTERESTED IN
14 HOLDING THE SHERIFF ACCOUNTABLE ON A WEEKLY OR MONTHLY BASIS I
15 THINK IT'S A GOOD IDEA. WHETHER OR NOT SUPERVISOR KNABE OR WHY
16 SUPERVISOR KNABE ABSTAINED FROM 51-B, WHICH IS THE VETTING
17 COMMITTEE, MAYBE HE COULD EXPLAIN OR MAYBE HE DOESN'T WANT TO,
18 BUT I COULDN'T UNDERSTAND WHY A GROUP OF LEADERS --

19

20 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. YOUR TIME
21 HAS EXPIRED.

22

23 **ERIC PREVEN:** YOU'RE WELCOME, SIR.

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1 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** INDEED. ALL RIGHT. MADAM
2 EXECUTIVE OFFICER, PLEASE.

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4 **SACHI HAMAI, EXEC. OFFICER:** THANK YOU, MR. CHAIRMAN, MEMBERS
5 OF THE BOARD. THESE ITEMS ARE BEFORE YOU. ITEM NUMBER 1-P,
6 ITEM NUMBER 6. EXCUSE ME. LET ME GO BACK. ITEM NUMBER 1-P.
7 ITEM NUMBER 3 WILL BE CONTINUED FOR THREE WEEKS. ITEM NUMBER 6
8 -- I'M SORRY. IF WE COULD HOLD NUMBER 3. ITEM NUMBER 1-P IS
9 BEFORE YOU. ITEM NUMBER 6 IS BEFORE YOU. ITEM NUMBER 7 WILL BE
10 CONTINUED ONE WEEK TO SEPTEMBER 24TH. ITEM NUMBER 8 IS BEFORE
11 YOU, 10, 12, 17, 22, 30, 51-A. THOSE ITEMS ARE BEFORE YOU. AND
12 THEN I'LL READ ONE OTHER ITEM.

13

14 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. SUPERVISOR
15 KNABE MOVES. SUPERVISOR MOLINA SECONDS. THOSE ITEMS ARE BEFORE
16 US. I SEE NO OBJECTIONS, THEREFORE PLEASE RECORD A UNANIMOUS
17 VOTE.

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19 **SACHI HAMAI, EXEC. OFFICER:** AND THEN ON ITEM NUMBER 51-B, THIS
20 ITEM IS BEFORE YOU, BUT SUPERVISOR KNABE WILL ABSTAIN FROM THE
21 VOTE.

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23 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** ALL RIGHT. AS INDICATED, WITH
24 THE ABSTENTION OF SUPERVISOR KNABE, THE BALANCE PLEASE RECORD
25 THE VOTE.



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2 **SACHI HAMAI, EXEC. OFFICER:** THANK YOU. AND THEN IF YOU'D LIKE
3 TO CALL UP (OFF MIC).

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5 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** ALL RIGHT. ON ITEM NUMBER 3, IT
6 IS CONTINUED. BUT WE DO WANT TO ACKNOWLEDGE THOSE PERSONS WHO
7 ARE HERE TO BE HEARD TODAY. THEY ARE STEVEN LAMB, ELLIOTT
8 GOLD, AND GEORGE HOFSTETTER. THOSE THREE INDIVIDUALS WOULD
9 COME TO BE HEARD ON ITEM NUMBER 3. GENTLEMEN, PLEASE PROCEED.

10

11 **STEVEN LAMB:** GOOD MORNING, SUPERVISORS MY NAME IS STEVEN LAMB.
12 I LIVE IN ALTADENA. I CAN'T TELL YOU HOW PLEASED I AM THAT
13 YOU'RE ACTUALLY GOING TO CONSIDER A CITIZENS' OVERSIGHT BOARD
14 FOR THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT. MANY OF YOU REMEMBER WHEN
15 SHERIFF BACA RAN, HE RAN AS A PROGRESSIVE REFORMER THE FIRST
16 TIME. AND HE WAS WELL AWARE OF THE PROBLEMS IN THE JAILS
17 DURING THAT ERA. HE WAS WELL AWARE OF THE PROBLEMS WITH HIS
18 OFFICERS ON THE STREET. SOMEHOW AFTER HE WAS ELECTED THEY
19 SEEMED TO HAVE OVERWHELMED HIM. YOU KNOW, THE PROBLEMS -- IT
20 WOULD BE ALMOST TOO EASY AND TOO MUCH FUN TO RECITE ALL THE
21 VARIOUS PROBLEMS AND SCANDALS THAT WE'VE HAD WITH THE
22 SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT SINCE LEROY BACA HAS BEEN THERE BUT IT'S
23 NOT REALLY A PROBLEM WITH HIM. IT'S A PROBLEM WITH THE
24 INSTITUTION OF THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT ITSELF. THESE PROBLEMS
25 OF VIOLENCE IN THE JAIL AND INAPPROPRIATE BEHAVIOR TO CITIZENS



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1 HAVE GONE ON IN THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT AT LEAST SINCE THE
2 TIME OF SHERIFF BISCAILUZ AND THEY HAVE CONTINUED AND IT'S
3 INSTITUTIONAL. AND THE ONLY WAY THAT YOU CAN FINALLY ROOT
4 THESE OUT IS TO TAKE CONTROL OF THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT
5 YOURSELVES THROUGH A CITIZENS' OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE. THANK YOU.

6

7 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** WE THANK YOU FOR YOUR TESTIMONY.
8 WE'LL TAKE THE NEXT SPEAKER.

9

10 **ELLIOT GOLD:** GOOD MORNING. I'M ELLIOTT GOLD, ALSO FROM
11 ALTADENA. AND THE SHERIFF'S OVERSIGHT IS NOT A BAD THING. WHAT
12 IT DOES IS IT SIMPLY ADDS NEUTRALITY TO A PROCESS THE SHERIFF
13 ALREADY APPROVES AND ACCEPTS. I KNOW ABOUT NEUTRALITY BECAUSE
14 OF MY BACKGROUND. DURING THE 1960S AND 1970S, I HAD A TOP
15 SECRET CLEARANCE AND WAS GIVEN A GRANT TO EVALUATE THE
16 ELECTRONIC FINGERPRINT PROCESS FOR THE F.B.I. AS A
17 STATISTICIAN FOR THE JET PROPULSION LABORATORY. AT THE SAME
18 TIME, I WAS HIRED AS A CONTRACTOR BY THE PASADENA POLICE
19 DEPARTMENT TO EVALUATE THEIR SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICER PROGRAM
20 AS WELL AS SEVERAL OTHER PROGRAMS. AND WHAT WE WERE ABLE TO DO
21 IS NOT ONLY REVIEW THE WORK OF THESE LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS
22 BUT WERE ABLE TO PROVIDE UPDATES AND CORRECTIONS AS WELL AS
23 KUDOS FOR WHAT THEY DID. I WAS ACCEPTED NOT JUST BECAUSE OF MY
24 TOP SECRET CLEARANCE, BUT BECAUSE I WAS ONE OF THE FIRST
25 REGISTERED MEMBERS OF THE PEACE AND FREEDOM PARTY IN THE ' 60S



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1 AS A '60S HIPPIE. HERE I WAS WITH AN F.B.I. CLEARANCE, TOP
2 SECRET, GOING ON NATO BASES, WORKING WITH THE F.B.I. IN THE
3 FINGERPRINT PROCESS AND WORKING WITH LAW ENFORCEMENT. WHY?
4 BECAUSE MY PHILOSOPHY IS WHEN YOU WALK ACROSS THE STREET, YOU
5 LOOK BOTH WAYS. THAT'S WHAT I'M PROPOSING THAT THE SHERIFF'S
6 DEPARTMENT DO. IT NEEDS TO LOOK BOTH WAYS AND NEEDS TO HAVE
7 PEOPLE WHO ARE INTERNAL AS WELL AS THOSE ON THE OUTSIDE. AND,
8 OH WELL, I SHOULD ALSO ADD ONE OTHER THING: THAT SINCE I HAVE
9 LOST THAT HIPPIE HAIR, WHICH HAS BEEN LONG GONE FROM THE TOP
10 OF MY HEAD WHEN I BECAME HANDSOME, OF COURSE, LIKE SOME OF THE
11 OFFICERS THAT ARE HERE.

12

13 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** I SEE.

14

15 **ELLIOT GOLD:** WITH MUSTACHES AND SO FORTH, I'VE BEEN HANDSOME
16 FOR A LONG TIME BUT I MEAN I'M MUCH MORE HANDSOME NOW WITHOUT
17 MY HAIR. OVER THE LAST DECADE, I HAVE BEEN BOTH THE CHAIRMAN
18 AND THE VICE CHAIRMAN OF THE COMMUNITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE, THE
19 C.A.C. C.A.C. FOR THE ALTADENA SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT. I'M NOT
20 THAT NOW, BUT I HAVE THAT KIND OF BACKGROUND. HERE'S THIS
21 HIPPIE FREAK, YOU MIGHT SAY, BUT WHO PROVIDED NEUTRALITY AND
22 OUTSIDE OVERSIGHT. IT'S HIGHLY RECOMMENDED. THANK YOU.

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1 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** WE THANK YOU FOR YOUR TESTIMONY.
2 EVEN THE EDITORIAL REMARKS ON YOUR RECEDING HAIRLINE. THANK
3 YOU SO MUCH. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

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5 **GEORGE HOFSTETTER:** MR. CHAIRMAN AND MEMBERS OF THE BOARD, MY
6 NAME IS GEORGE HOFSTETTER, SECRETARY FOR THE ASSOCIATION OF
7 LOS ANGELES DEPUTY SHERIFFS AND A 25-YEAR VETERAN OF THE LOS
8 ANGELES COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT. AS MUCH AS WE RESPECT AND
9 APPRECIATE THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS'S EFFORTS TO GET A HANDLE
10 ON THE PROBLEMS FACING THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT, TODAY'S
11 MOTION IS HEADING IN THE WRONG DIRECTION. BY OUR ACCOUNT,
12 THERE ARE NO LESS THAN SEVEN AGENCIES AND OVERSIGHT COMMITTEES
13 CURRENTLY REVIEWING THE WORK OF THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT AND
14 ALADS MEMBERS. HISTORICALLY, THERE HAVE BEEN SEVERAL MORE,
15 STARTING WITH THE KOLTS COMMISSION IN THE EARLY 1990S. I CAN
16 BRING YOU A COPY OF THE KOLTS REPORT AND IF ANYONE WANTS TO
17 TAKE THE TIME TO READ IT, IT SAYS PRETTY MUCH THE SAME THING
18 THAT THE RESPONSIBLE STUDIES HAVE SAID IN THE LAST 20 YEARS
19 SINCE IT WAS PUBLISHED. WE NEED ADEQUATE RESOURCES TO RECRUIT,
20 TRAIN AND DEPLOY ENOUGH DEPUTY SHERIFFS TO KEEP THE JAILS SAFE
21 AND TO PROPERLY PROTECT LOS ANGELES COUNTY RESIDENTS AND
22 BUSINESSES. IT'S REALLY THAT SIMPLE. THE DAMAGES CAUSED TO OUR
23 DEPARTMENT BY THE ENTIRELY AVOIDABLE CYCLE OF CHRONIC
24 UNDERSTAFFING AND THE INEVITABLE RUSH TO HIRE NEW DEPUTIES HAS
25 BROUGHT US TO THE CHALLENGES WE NOW FACE. IF YOU WANT TO



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1 CREATE A COMMISSION, I'D URGE YOU TO ASSIGN THEM THE TASK OF
2 DETERMINING HOW TO AVOID THE PROBLEMS OF UNDERSTAFFING AS WE
3 NOW SEE IN VIRTUALLY EVERY COUNTY-WIDE ASSIGNMENT. ASK THEM TO
4 FIND OUT HOW WE CAN AVOID HAVING ONE PATROL UNIT FOR
5 UNINCORPORATED AREA BUSTED FROM SERVICE FOR EVERY SHIFT.
6 MORALE AMONG DEPUTY SHERIFFS IS AT AN ALL-TIME LOW. IT'S NOT
7 BECAUSE THE NEIGHBORHOODS HAVE CHANGED. IF ANYTHING, MOST
8 PATROL AREAS HAVE ENJOYED A DECREASE IN CRIME RATES. IT'S
9 BECAUSE STATION LEVEL MANAGERS HAVE MADE IT IMPOSSIBLE TO DO
10 THE JOB CORRECTLY, THE WAY OUR DEPUTY SHERIFFS WANT TO DO IT.
11 SO IF YOU'RE GOING TO APPOINT ANOTHER COMMISSION AND YOU'RE
12 DETERMINED TO ADD ANOTHER LEVEL OF OVERSIGHT TO A SYSTEM THAT
13 IS ALREADY WAY TOO HEAVING ON SECOND GUESSING, THEN YOU WILL
14 GET THE DEPARTMENT YOU WANT. A DEPARTMENT WITH 8,000
15 DISPARAGED DEPUTY SHERIFFS WHO SIMPLY PUNCH A CLOCK AND GO
16 HOME. ON BEHALF OF THOSE 8,000 DEPUTY SHERIFFS, WE URGE YOUR
17 BOARD TO ADDRESS THE UNDERLYING ISSUES, THE LACK OF ADEQUATE
18 RESOURCES, THE FACT THAT WE HAVE 500 FEWER DEPUTIES THAN WE
19 HAD IN 2009, THE FACT THAT PATROL STATIONS ROUTINELY BUST
20 EVERY PATROL UNIT OUT OF THE UNINCORPORATED AREAS AND HANDLE
21 CALLS FROM THE SURROUNDING CONTRACT CITIES. THE REALITY OF OUR
22 JOBS, THE MAIN ISSUE CHALLENGING THE QUALITY OF PUBLIC SAFETY
23 SERVICES FOR L.A. COUNTY RESIDENTS, AND WE DON'T BELIEVE THAT
24 ANOTHER OVERSIGHT COMMISSION WILL HELP GET OUR DEPUTY SHERIFFS
25 BACK TO THE JOB THEY WANT TO DO. THANK YOU FOR YOUR TIME.



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2 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** WE THANK YOU FOR YOUR TESTIMONY.

3 AND MR. HOFSTETTER, YOU SHOULD KNOW THAT THE THRUST OF THE

4 MOTION PRECLUDES NOTHING THAT YOU HAVE SUGGESTED BY WAY OF

5 YOUR TESTIMONY. AND SO DON'T LEAVE. I THINK SOME ASSUMPTIONS

6 HAVE BEEN MADE AS TO WHAT THE COMMISSION MIGHT DO. IT WOULD BE

7 MINE, AS THE MAKER OF THE MOTION, TO RECOGNIZE THAT A

8 COMMISSION OF THIS SORT TAKES UNDER CONSIDERATION SOME OF THE

9 VERY THINGS THAT YOU HAVE CALLED TO THE PUBLIC'S ATTENTION

10 TODAY. SO I WOULD SEND YOU BACK WITH A MESSAGE TO ALADS TO SAY

11 THAT IT IS A MISTAKE TO VIEW THIS IN ANY WAY AS HOSTILE TOWARD

12 THE WORKING MEN AND WOMEN OF THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY SHERIFF'S

13 DEPARTMENT. THIS IS ESSENTIALLY ABOUT ACCOUNTABILITY AND MORE

14 EFFECTIVE LAW ENFORCEMENT, WHICH MAY VERY EASILY AND MAY VERY

15 WELL INCLUDE SOME OF THE POINTS THAT YOU CALLED TO THE BOARD

16 AND TO THE PUBLIC'S ATTENTION. MAY I SIMPLY ADD TO THAT, GIVEN

17 THE COMPOSITION OF THE COMMISSION AS PROPOSED, THERE COULD

18 VERY EASILY BE ONE OR MORE OF THE INDIVIDUALS APPOINTED WHO

19 WOULD BE ADVOCATES FOR THE VERY THINGS THAT YOU CALLED TO OUR

20 COLLECTIVE ATTENTION. IT IS A MISTAKE TO ASSUME OTHERWISE. AND

21 I WOULD FURTHER SUGGEST THAT THE LAST THING WE WANT IS A

22 DISPARAGED WORKFORCE IN OUR SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT. THERE IS NO

23 CONTRADICTION BETWEEN ACCOUNTABILITY AND HIGH MORALE. I THINK

24 THEY EFFECTIVELY GO HAND-IN-HAND. AND SO WE LOOK FORWARD TO

25 THE FURTHER DIALOGUE IN THIS REGARD. CERTAINLY THE PRESIDENT



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1 OF ALADS, FLOYD HAYHURST HAS BEEN PARTY TO THAT AND HAS
2 EXPRESSED HIS VIEWS RATHER CLEARLY ON BEHALF OF THE
3 ORGANIZATION IN TERMS OF THE READINESS THAT THE BOARD OF ALADS
4 MAY HAVE, I CERTAINLY WISH TO CONTINUE THE DIALOGUE BECAUSE I
5 THINK THERE'S COMMON GROUND TO BE ACHIEVED. SO WE THANK YOU
6 FOR YOUR TESTIMONY. WE THANK YOU FOR YOUR ATTENTION TODAY.
7 SUPERVISOR MOLINA, YOU WISH TO BE HEARD?

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9 **SUP. MOLINA:** ARE THEY GOING TO HELP ME HERE? THANK YOU. YOU
10 KNOW, MR. CHAIRMAN AND MEMBERS, IT HAS TAKEN ME AN AWFUL LONG
11 TIME TO FINALLY AGREE ON HAVING A CITIZENS' COMMISSION. I'VE
12 ALWAYS FELT THAT WE AS FIVE MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF
13 SUPERVISORS, AS CITIZENS AND AS ELECTED MEMBERS TO REPRESENT
14 THE CITIZENS OF L.A. COUNTY COULD GET A HANDLE OF THIS. I WAS
15 HERE DURING THE KOLTS COMMISSION. AND AT THAT TIME, I WAS VERY
16 CONCERNED ABOUT HOW IT WAS BEING APPROACHED. BUT IF YOU LOOK
17 AT AND READ THE KOLTS REPORT, YOU WILL FIND THAT THE KOLTS
18 COMMISSION DID A VERY EFFECTIVE JOB IN POINTING OUT AND
19 CLARIFYING A LOT OF ISSUES THAT NEEDED TO BE CLARIFIED AND
20 NEEDED TO GET THE SHERIFF'S ATTENTION AS TO HOW TO MAKE THE
21 KINDS OF REFORMS NECESSARY. WE PUT IN PLACE A WHOLE SERIES OF
22 PROTECTIONS FOR OURSELVES. WE WANTED ONGOING REPORTS. WE PUT
23 TOGETHER CONSULTANTS THAT WOULD REVIEW THESE REFORMS, THAT
24 WOULD HAVE AN OPPORTUNITY AND HAVE THE JURISDICTION TO GO
25 THROUGH A WHOLE MECHANISM OF THIS REVIEW. WE PUT IN THE OFFICE



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1 OF INDEPENDENT REVIEW BECAUSE WE WANTED SOMETHING SEPARATE AND
2 APART FROM ALL OF US AS TO REVIEWING THIS AND LOOKING AT THE
3 INDEPENDENCE OF THESE REFORMS AND MAKING SURE THAT THEY WERE
4 WORKING. WE EVEN HAD A JUDGE OVERSEEING OUR JAILS UNDER THE
5 RUTHERFORD DECISION THAT ALLOWED THE A.C.L.U. AND OTHER
6 MEMBERS TO GO THROUGH A PROCESS OF REVIEWING AND WALKING
7 THROUGH OUR JAILS AND HOPEFULLY REPORTING NOT ONLY TO THE
8 JUDGE BUT ALSO TO US OF ANY OF THE PROBLEMS THAT NEEDED TO GO
9 ON THERE. AND IT SEEMS AS THOUGH WE WERE GETTING THE
10 INFORMATION. AND I AS A BOARD MEMBER HAVE TO TRUST WHAT PEOPLE
11 PRESENT TO ME. I HAVE A DUTY, I HAVE A RESPONSIBILITY. BUT AT
12 THE END OF THE DAY, WHEN WE HIRE THESE EXPERTS, WHEN WE ASK
13 THESE PEOPLE TO SERVE IN THESE ROLES AND TO CARRY FORWARD
14 THEIR MESSAGE AND TO BRING THAT INFORMATION, AND WHEN WE HAVE
15 A SHERIFF THAT IMPLEMENTS ALL OF THOSE REFORMS, OUR ASSUMPTION
16 IS THAT WE SHOULD TRUST HIM. WE SHOULD TRUST THE DEPARTMENT.
17 WE SHOULD TRUST THE PEOPLE WE EMPLOY. AND WE HOPEFULLY ARE
18 GETTING THOSE REFORMS IN PLACE. BUT AS WE HAVE SEEN IN HAVING
19 THE DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE VISIT US IN THE LAST THREE YEARS, SO
20 MUCH OF THAT REFORM HAS NOT BEEN IN PLACE EVEN THOUGH ALL THE
21 MECHANISMS TO ASSURE US THAT THERE WAS A MECHANISM OF
22 ACCOUNTABILITY HAVE NOT BEEN THERE. I HAVE BEEN BATTLING WITH
23 THIS ISSUE ON AN ONGOING BASIS, AND I AS A MEMBER OF THIS
24 BOARD HAVE SOMETHING CALLED FIDUCIARY RESPONSIBILITY, WHICH I
25 MUST HONOR. AND IT IS VERY IMPORTANT. AND I HAVE A DUTY TO



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1 FIDUCIARY RESPONSIBILITY. AND SO CONSEQUENTLY, I GET TO HEAR
2 BEHIND CLOSED DOORS ALL OF THE UNFORTUNATE THINGS THAT ARE
3 GOING ON, WHETHER IN OUR JAILS OR IN PATROL, THAT IF THE
4 PUBLIC WERE TO HEAR ABOUT THEM WOULD INTIMIDATE THEM, AS WELL.
5 AND WHAT WE DO WITH 90 PERCENT OF THOSE CASES IS WE SETTLE
6 THEM. BECAUSE WE DON'T HAVE THE GOODS ON OUR SIDE TO BE ABLE
7 TO APPROACH A JURY, TO BE ABLE TO MAKE OUR CASE, AND TO
8 EXPLAIN WHY WE TOOK THE ACTIONS THAT WE TOOK. AND REGRETTABLY
9 IN ALL OF OUR CORRECTIVE ACTIONS, WE GET CLEARLY ANOTHER
10 REPORT THAT TELLS US THAT WE'RE GOING TO FIX THESE THINGS.
11 WE'RE GOING TO REFORM THESE THINGS. WE'RE GOING TO CHANGE
12 THESE DEPUTIES OUT. WE'RE GOING TO MAKE SURE THEY GET
13 RETRAINED. WE'RE GOING TO PROVIDE SUPERVISION. WE HAVE NOW
14 COME TO A CONCLUSION THAT WE NEEDED AN INDEPENDENT REPORT,
15 WHICH WE HAVE ASKED GOOD PEOPLE TO GO OUT AND INVESTIGATE.
16 THEY PUT FORTH A VERY COMPREHENSIVE SET OF REFORMS. AND AGAIN
17 WE HAVE GOTTEN A DEPARTMENT THAT SAYS THEY WILL EMBRACE THEM
18 ALL AND CARRY THEM OUT. AND SO THAT IS WHAT WE'RE GOING
19 THROUGH NOW. THE UNFORTUNATE ASPECT OF IT ALL IS THAT
20 ASSURANCES THAT WE ARE BEING GIVEN I'M SURE FOR WHATEVER
21 REASON I HAVE COME TO MISTRUST BECAUSE I HAVE BEEN TOLD
22 CONTINUOUSLY THAT THESE THINGS ARE BEING PUT IN PLACE, THAT
23 THESE REFORMS ARE GOING ON. AND WHEN WE LOOK AT THE ISSUE OF
24 RESOURCES, WHICH IS WHAT THEY ALL WILL COME UP AND SAY "WELL
25 YOU DON'T GIVE US ENOUGH MONEY. THE DEPARTMENT NEEDS MORE



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1 MONEY ." AND THERE IS NO DOUBT THAT WE SHOULD PROBABLY LOOK AT
2 THOSE ISSUES. I'M NOT GOING TO DISCOUNT WHAT THE BLUE RIBBON
3 COMMISSION TOLD US IN THEIR REPORT ABOUT HAVING TO SUPPLEMENT.
4 AND I'M PREPARED AND WILLING TO DO IT. I HAVE TO LOOK AT THOSE
5 NUMBERS BECAUSE I'M NOT GOING TO JUST GIVE THE SHERIFF OR ANY
6 DEPARTMENT A BUCKETLOAD OF MONEY UNTIL I HAVE ACCOUNT ABILITY
7 ATTACHED TO IT. FROM NOW ON ACCOUNTABILITY IS WHERE I'M GOING
8 ON ALL THESE THINGS. I DON'T HAVE THE CONFIDENCE OF WHAT'S
9 GOING ON. IF YOU LOOK AT THE ISSUES OF RESOURCES, LET ME POINT
10 OUT TO A COUPLE OF NUMBERS TO THE GENTLEMAN WHO CAME UP AND
11 SAID HE DOESN'T HAVE ENOUGH MONEY. I DON'T KNOW IF YOU LOOKED
12 AT WHAT WE HAVE PAID AS TAXPAYERS WHEN IT COMES TO THE ISSUE
13 OF LIABILITY. IN 2011-2012, THIS COUNTY PAID A GRAND TOTAL OF
14 37 MILLION DOLLARS IN LIABILITY. AND THAT DOESN'T INCLUDE THE
15 LEGAL COST. THOSE WERE JUST THE PAYOUTS OF SETTLEMENTS. THAT
16 IS MONEY THAT WOULD HAVE GONE WELL INTO TRAINING, INTO
17 RESOURCES AND OTHER KINDS OF ISSUES. AND, AGAIN, WE HAVE TO BE
18 PREPARED BECAUSE THERE ARE ISSUES IN WHICH WE MUST DEFEND OUR
19 DEPUTIES, THE ACTIONS THAT THEY TAKE AND THE RESPONSIBILITIES
20 THAT THEY CARRY OUT. AND THEY LAY THEIR LIFE OUT THERE FOR.
21 AND I AM PREPARED TO DO SO AS A MEMBER OF THIS BOARD. BUT WHEN
22 YOU HEAR SOME OF THE THINGS THAT SOME OF THESE DEPUTIES HAVE
23 DONE, AND HOW WE NEED TO CONTINUE TO PAY THEM WHILE WE'RE
24 INVESTIGATING FOR A YEAR, TWO YEARS, MAYBE THREE YEARS, IT IS
25 SHAMEFUL. AND I KNOW THAT MANY OF YOU AS DEPUTIES DON'T WANT



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1 TO STAND BEHIND THOSE KIND OF DEPUTIES, EITHER, AND WOULD LIKE
2 TO SEE THEM ROLLED OUT AS MUCH AS POSSIBLE, BUT THIS PROCESS
3 IS CUMBERSOME. I CAN'T EVEN GET THE LATEST DATA ON THE
4 SETTLEMENTS. I'M STILL TRYING TO ACCUMULATE THE DATA FOR THIS
5 YEAR. BUT JUST TO LET YOU KNOW THAT IN FISCAL YEAR 2012-2013,
6 JUST IN THE FIRST SIX MONTHS OF THE LATEST DATA THAT WE HAVE,
7 THIS COUNTY PAID 25 MILLION DOLLARS IN SIX MONTHS IN
8 LIABILITY. AND WE DO IT ALL BEHIND CLOSED DOORS BECAUSE WE
9 HAVE TO. WE HAVE A DUTY AND A RESPONSIBILITY TO PROTECT OUR
10 DEPUTIES, TO PROTECT OUR DEPARTMENT. BUT I REALLY THINK IT'S
11 TIME, MR. CHAIRMAN, AND MEMBERS, THAT WE TAKE THIS TO A
12 CITIZENS' COMMISSION. AND MAYBE WE CAN GET THE KIND OF
13 UNEARTHING OF THIS BUREAUCRACY TO BE RESPONSIVE AND TO CREATE
14 THE KIND OF DEPARTMENT THAT'S FIRST CLASS THAT L.A. COUNTY
15 DESERVES. I REALLY WISH I COULD DO IT. BUT I HAVE BEEN
16 STRUGGLING. WHETHER I READ REPORTS THAT TAKE ME 10 AND 12
17 HOURS. WHETHER I GET INFORMATION -- AND I'M NOT A LAW
18 ENFORCEMENT EXPERT. I GO THROUGH BUDGETS. I'M CHASING AROUND
19 PATROL CARS RIGHT NOW IN EAST L.A. IN THE MIDDLE OF THE NIGHT.
20 RIGHT NOW. BECAUSE THE SHERIFF TELLS ME HE GIVES ME SO MUCH
21 PATROL. I GO OUT THERE. I CAN'T FIND THE CARS. I'M SUPPOSED TO
22 SIT HERE AND HAVE CONFIDENCE THAT THAT WORK IS BEING DONE. AND
23 UNFORTUNATELY I AM READY TO NOW SAY THAT WE NEED A CITIZENS'
24 COMMISSION. A CITIZENS' COMMISSION WHO ISN'T GOING TO BE
25 BOLTED DOWN BY THE KIND OF DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES THAT I



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1 HAVE. AND, AGAIN, I DON'T WANT TO DISMISS THOSE. BUT I THINK
2 WE NEED TO LOOK AT ACCOUNTABILITY AT A DIFFERENT LEVEL. THIS
3 GIVES US AN OPPORTUNITY FOR THAT, MR. CHAIRMAN. I KNOW IT
4 WOULD BE HARD. ANY OF US WHO ARE TAKING THIS RESPONSIBILITY
5 AWAY, IT'S NOT TAKING IT AWAY. WHAT WE HAVE IS WE HAVE A
6 SECOND GROUP OF CITIZENS LOOKING AT ALL OF THESE ISSUES,
7 POINTING THEM OUT AND NOT HAVING TO GO INTO CLOSED SESSION ON
8 EACH OF THESE ITEMS EVERY SINGLE TIME. RIGHT NOW, THERE IS
9 SOME MOVEMENT, BECAUSE THE DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE HAS SHINED AN
10 UNBELIEVABLY BIG SPOTLIGHT ON THIS DEPARTMENT. IT IS POINTED
11 TO UNBELIEVABLE ISSUES BEFORE US. AND SO CONSEQUENTLY WE HAVE
12 TAKEN REFORMS. WE HAVE LOOKED AT THAT OPPORTUNITY. BUT I AM
13 CONCERNED HOW LONG IT HAS TAKEN. WE WERE SUPPOSED TO APPOINT
14 AN OFFICE OF INSPECTOR GENERAL. I MEAN FOR WHATEVER REASON,
15 THIS, THAT, WHATEVER, HAS A DIFFERENT PROCESS. I AM, FRANKLY,
16 ANNOYED, ANNOYED BEYOND BELIEF OF WHY WE CAN'T GET MOVING ON
17 THE KINDS OF REFORMS THAT ARE ESSENTIAL AND NECESSARY. SO THAT
18 IS WHY I HAVE NOW CONCLUDED EVEN THOUGH CHAIRMAN HAD BROUGHT
19 THIS MOTION TO ME MANY A TIME AND I HAD SAID "WE'RE THE
20 CITIZENS, WE'RE THE ONES THAT REPRESENT , I ALSO REALIZED THAT
21 SOMETIMES EVEN PEOPLE LIKE OURSELVES NEED TO HAVE A CITIZENS'
22 COMMISSION THAT IS SEPARATE AND APART FROM THE DUTIES,
23 RESPONSIBILITIES AND SOMETIMES THE COZY RELATIONSHIPS IN ORDER
24 TO BREAK THROUGH AND MAKE SURE THAT WE GET THE FIRST CLASS LAW



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1 ENFORCEMENT DEPARTMENT THIS COUNTY DESERVES. AND SO NOW I
2 THINK IT'S TIME FOR A CITIZENS' COMMISSION. [APPLAUSE.]

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4 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. HOLD ON.
5 PARDON ME FOR A MOMENT. (GAVEL). THE CONVENTION OF THE BOARD
6 IS THAT YOU SIMPLY EXPRESS YOUR AFFIRMATION BY A RAISING THE
7 ROOF. WE TYPICALLY DO NOT ACCOMMODATE CLAPPING OR APPLAUSE.
8 LET ME ASSOCIATE MYSELF WITH THE SENTIMENT OF THE APPLAUSE AND
9 ACKNOWLEDGE THE ELOQUENCE OF SUPERVISOR MOLINA'S STATEMENT IN
10 THIS REGARD. AND I WANT TO ADD THE FOLLOWING POINTS. WE THINK
11 THIS MOTION IS NECESSARY TO ENHANCE ACCOUNTABILITY AND TO
12 ACHIEVE STRUCTURAL REFORM IN THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY SHERIFF'S
13 DEPARTMENT. CIVILIAN OVERSIGHT OR INVOLVEMENT CAN ENHANCE
14 PUBLIC SAFETY. IT OUGHT TO BE SEEN AS A TOOL THAT CAN ASSIST
15 LAW ENFORCEMENT IN ORDER TO ENSURE MODERN CONSTITUTIONAL
16 POLICING AND TO BUILD PUBLIC TRUST -- AND TO BUILD PUBLIC
17 TRUST. WE NEED PUBLIC TRUST AS WELL AS A HIGH LEVEL OF MORALE
18 WITHIN THE DEPARTMENT ITSELF. IT IS NOT A MATTER OF ONE OR THE
19 OTHER. IN ORDER FOR THIS TO WORK AS IT OUGHT TO WORK, YOU NEED
20 BOTH. AT THE END OF THE DAY AND THE MOST IMPORTANT ISSUE IS,
21 AGAIN, EFFECTIVE CONSTITUTIONAL LAW ENFORCEMENT AND PUBLIC
22 TRUST THAT MAINTAINS A HIGH LEVEL OF PUBLIC CONFIDENCE IN OUR
23 SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT. THAT IS WHAT WE ULTIMATELY SEEK. SO I
24 THINK IT HAS TO BE SAID THAT OVERSIGHT IS ESSENTIAL TO GOOD
25 GOVERNMENT. IT'S ESSENTIAL TO GOOD GOVERNMENT, LAW



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1 ENFORCEMENT. THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT IS NOT OUTSIDE OF THE
2 GOVERNMENTAL PROCESS. IT'S A CRITICAL PART OF IT. AND IT IS
3 ESSENTIAL TO HAVE OVERSIGHT OF THIS SORT. IT ADVANCES THE VERY
4 NOTION OF WHAT WE WISH TO SAY ABOUT LAW ENFORCEMENT IN A
5 DEMOCRATIC SOCIETY. THIS IS NOT A NEW IDEA. THIS IS NOT A
6 NOVEL CONCERN. A CITIZENS' OVERSIGHT BODY IS JUST SIMPLY ONE
7 OF THE TOOLS THAT'S NECESSARY IN MODERN POLICING. YOU MIGHT
8 RECALL THAT THE CITIZENS' COMMISSION ON JAIL VIOLENCE SLIGHTLY
9 DEFERRED ON THE ISSUE OF ESTABLISHING A PERMANENT CIVILIAN
10 COMMISSION. BUT IT DID REFERENCE AND HIGHLIGHT THE VALUE ADDED
11 POTENTIALLY OF SUCH A COMMISSION. AND IT IS THEN UP TO THE
12 BOARD OF SUPERVISORS TO ULTIMATELY MAKE THAT DETERMINATION. I
13 WANT TO ASSERT THAT IT IS WELL WITHIN THE BOARD'S AUTHORITY TO
14 ESTABLISH A CIVILIAN OVERSIGHT BODY TO REVIEW ISSUES, TO
15 COLLABORATE WITH THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT AND TO MAKE SURE
16 THAT WE ACHIEVE THE COMMON GOALS THAT WE SET, MOST FUNDAMENTAL
17 THAT BEING OF A HIGHER LEVEL OF PUBLIC SAFETY WITHIN THE
18 CONTEXT OF CONSTITUTIONAL POLICING. WE HAPPEN TO BELIEVE THAT
19 THIS CAN AND SHOULD BE ACHIEVED. SYSTEMIC ISSUES AS HAVE BEEN
20 CALLED OUT REQUIRE MORE THAN TEMPORARY FIXES. IT CANNOT BE
21 EFFECTIVELY ADDRESSED ON AN EPISODIC BASIS. IT REQUIRES
22 SUSTAINED, COLLABORATIVE DELVING INTO THE ISSUES SO THAT THE
23 ULTIMATE OBJECTIVE CAN BE ACHIEVED. STRUCTURAL REFORM REQUIRES
24 INCREASED PUBLIC ACCOUNTABILITY BY AN ENTITY THAT IS
25 INDEPENDENT IN NATURE, APPOINTED BY MEMBERS OF THIS BOARD OF



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1 SUPERVISORS. AND I WANT TO MAKE IT CLEAR. THE BOARD ALONE
2 CANNOT SUFFICIENTLY PROVIDE THE LEVEL OF OVERSIGHT,
3 SUPERVISION AND DETAIL; IT CANNOT. WE SIMPLY HAVE TOO MANY
4 RESPONSIBILITIES, TOO MUCH ON OUR PLATE. AND I WANT TO ASSERT
5 THAT THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT IS TOO IMPORTANT TO LEAVE
6 UNATTENDED. MEANINGFUL REFORM REQUIRES A COMPREHENSIVE AND
7 SUBSTANTIVE APPROACH TO OVERSIGHT THAT'S COLLABORATIVE, NOT
8 COMBATIVE, NOT CONFLICTUAL. IT INCLUDES, AS THE BOARD HAS AN
9 NOW ESTABLISHED, THE NECESSITY OF AN OFFICE OF THE INSPECTOR
10 GENERAL IN TANDEM WITH A COMMISSION. IT OUGHT TO BE CLEAR TO
11 ALL OF US BY NOW THAT A LAW ENFORCEMENT ENTITY IN THE
12 SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT IS NO EXCEPTION, CANNOT POLICE ITSELF.
13 THIS IS A CORE PRINCIPLE THAT HAS TO BE UNDERSTOOD. WE CAN
14 LOOK AT L.A.P.D. AS AN EXAMPLE AND THE COMMISSION THERE TO
15 LEARN IMPORTANT LESSONS. WE DON'T NEED TO BE LIKE L.A.P.D..
16 THIS IS THE LOS ANGELES SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT. WE TAKE NOTE OF
17 THE DIFFERENCES STRUCTURALLY AND LEGALLY IN TERMS OF OVERSIGHT
18 AND THE LIKE. BUT THE FACT OF THE MATTER IS THEY HAVE MADE
19 SUBSTANTIAL IMPROVEMENTS. AND I DARESAY THAT HAS HAPPENED AS A
20 RESULT OF HAVING AN OVERSIGHT BODY TO HELP THEM
21 COLLABORATIVELY ACHIEVE THOSE GOALS AND PURPOSES. THE LOS
22 ANGELES POLICE DEPARTMENT'S OVERSIGHT ENTITY, THE COMMISSION,
23 IS NOT IN COMBAT WITH THAT DEPARTMENT. IT WORKS WITH THEM TO
24 MAKE SURE THAT THEY ACHIEVE THE LEVEL OF PUBLIC CONFIDENCE AND
25 THE SUPPORT THAT IS WARRANTED. I DON'T WANT TO GIVE THE



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1 IMPRESSION THAT I THINK NOR DO I THINK SUPERVISOR MOLINA
2 BELIEVES THAT A COMMISSION IS THE PANACEA. WE KNOW THAT THE
3 PROBLEMS THAT HAPPENED WILL EXIST. SOME OF THEM WILL PERSIST.
4 BUT IT IS ABOUT REDUCING THE PREVALENCE AND THE CONCENTRATION
5 OF CERTAIN KIND OF PROBLEMS IN SATISFYING OURSELVES THAT WE
6 ARE PAYING SUFFICIENT ATTENTION TO THEM. AND SO I SIMPLY WANT
7 TO URGE FURTHER DIALOGUE, FURTHER CONSIDERATION AND ULTIMATELY
8 ADOPTION OF THIS MATTER. THE TIME HAS COME FOR THE LOS ANGELES
9 COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT TO HAVE THE APPROPRIATE COMMISSION
10 THAT IS BEING PROPOSED. AND I BELIEVE THAT FURTHER REFINEMENT
11 OF THE MOTION AND DIALOGUE TO THAT EFFECT WILL CAUSE US TO
12 ACHIEVE THAT. THE MATTER IS TO BE CONTINUED TODAY. IT IS ON
13 RECORD THAT TWO MEMBERS OF THE BOARD ARE PREPARED TO MOVE
14 FORWARD. WE WAIT APPROPRIATELY AND RESPECTFULLY FOR THE
15 BALANCE OF THE BOARD MEMBERS TO WEIGH IN AS DEEMED
16 APPROPRIATE. WE EXPECT THAT THAT WILL BE AT OUR MEETING OF
17 OCTOBER THE EIGHTH. WITH THAT, IF THERE IS NO FURTHER
18 DISCUSSION ON THE PART OF MEMBERS OF THE BOARD? I'M SORRY?
19 SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY?

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21 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** SINCE THE PRO SIDE HAS BEEN HEARD, LET ME
22 JUST INDICATE THE OTHER PERSPECTIVE. WE APPOINTED A JAIL
23 VIOLENCE COMMISSION MADE UP OF SOME OF THE MOST PROMINENT
24 JURISTS AND CITIZENS OF THIS COUNTY OVER A YEAR AGO. THEY
25 EVALUATED THE PROBLEMS OF THE JAIL VIOLENCE AND, FRANKLY, THEY



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1 EXTENDED BEYOND THAT TO THE OVERALL GOVERNANCE STRUCTURE OF
2 HOW WE INTERFACE WITH THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT, HOW THE
3 SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT IS TO BE HELD ACCOUNTABLE. AND WHILE IT
4 FOCUSED ON JAIL VIOLENCE, IT REALLY HAD IMPLICATIONS FOR EVERY
5 OTHER ASPECT OF THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT OPERATIONS. THE JAIL
6 VIOLENCE COMMISSION CONSIDERED AMONG OTHER THINGS THE CREATION
7 OF A CITIZENS' COMMISSION. THEY REJECTED IT.

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9 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** THEY DID NOT.

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11 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** THEY DID NOT RECOMMEND IT.

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13 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** THEY DIDN'T REJECT IT. THEY
14 DEFERRED.

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16 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** THEY DID NOT RECOMMEND IT.

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18 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** THEY DEFERRED.

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20 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** MARK, LET ME SAY MY PEACE.

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22 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** OKAY.

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24 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** IT WAS NOT RECOMMENDED. AND WHEN THEY CAME
25 BEFORE THIS BOARD TO MAKE THEIR REPORT, THERE WAS AN EXTENSIVE



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1 DISCUSSION, THE TRANSCRIPT OF WHICH IS AVAILABLE ON THE
2 WEBSITE AS TO WHY THEY DIDN'T RECOMMEND IT. SO THAT'S NUMBER
3 1. THE JAIL VIOLENCE COMMISSION ITSELF DID NOT RECOMMEND THIS
4 COMMISSION. SECONDLY, WE ARE ABOUT TO UNDERTAKE AN EXTENSIVE
5 SEARCH FOR AN INSPECTOR GENERAL, FIRST TIME THIS COUNTY AND
6 THIS SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT HAS EVER HAD AN INSPECTOR GENERAL
7 WHO WILL NOT BE HOUSED IN THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT, WILL NOT
8 BE EXCLUSIVELY ACCOUNTABLE TO THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT, WILL
9 BE ACCOUNTABLE TO US. AND THAT IS THE LINCHPIN AS FAR AS I'M
10 CONCERNED. THAT IS THE LINCHPIN AS WE STAND HERE TODAY FOR HOW
11 WE HOLD THAT DEPARTMENT -- HOW THIS BOARD HOLDS THAT
12 DEPARTMENT ACCOUNTABLE. THAT INSPECTOR GENERAL WILL HAVE
13 AUTHORITY, LEGAL AUTHORITY, TO GET INTO DOCUMENTS, TO GET INTO
14 FILES, TO REPORT TO THIS BOARD, HOPEFULLY UNDER THE PRINCIPLES
15 OF ATTORNEY/CLIENT PRIVILEGE IF WE GO THAT ROUTE TO GIVE US
16 THE KIND OF INFORMATION THAT WE NEED TO HOLD THE SHERIFF'S
17 DEPARTMENT ACCOUNTABLE. AT THE END OF THE DAY, IT'S THE BOARD
18 OF SUPERVISORS THAT'S RESPONSIBLE FOR GOVERNING THIS COUNTY.
19 IT'S NOT A CITIZENS' COMMISSION WHICH BY DEFINITION WILL NOT
20 HAVE ANY SUBSTANTIVE LEGAL AUTHORITY TO DO ANYTHING EXCEPT BE
21 A SOAP BOX. BECAUSE THE STATE CONSTITUTION GRANTS THE
22 SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT -- EVERY SHERIFF IN THIS STATE, ALL 58
23 SHERIFFS -- THE KIND OF INDEPENDENCE AND PROTECTION THAT THEY
24 GET BECAUSE THEY'RE ELECTED. THAT EVEN THE BOARD OF
25 SUPERVISORS -- AND IT'S BEEN A SOURCE OF OUR FRUSTRATION --



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1 CAN'T CONTROL CERTAIN ASPECTS OF THE DEPARTMENT, HOW THEY
2 SPEND THEIR MONEY, WHERE THEY SPEND THEIR MONEY. AND IT IS A
3 SOURCE OF FRUSTRATION. AND IT CERTAINLY WILL NOT ALLOW A
4 CITIZENS' COMMISSION, ADVISORY COMMISSION, TO HAVE ANY
5 SUBSTANTIVE ROLE. ALL IT WILL DO IS CREATE ANOTHER PLACE,
6 ANOTHER SOAP BOX THAT WILL HAVE AT THE END OF THE DAY A LOT OF
7 ACTIVITY BUT NO ACHIEVEMENT. I'VE QUOTED JOHN WOODEN BEFORE
8 WHEN HE SAID "DON'T CONFUSE ACTIVITY FOR ACHIEVEMENT." WE HAVE
9 TRIED THROUGH THE OFFICE OF INDEPENDENT REVIEW, AND IT'S HAD
10 ITS GOOD DAYS AND IT'S HAD ITS NOT SO GOOD DAYS, THE CITIZENS'
11 COMMISSION ON JAIL VIOLENCE DID AN OUTSTANDING JOB. IT WAS
12 FOCUSED. IT WAS LIMITED IN TIME. THEY GAVE US A ROAD MAP OF
13 HOW TO PROCEED. AND THE LINCHPIN OF THAT RECOMMENDATION, OF
14 THEIR RECOMMENDATIONS WAS THE CREATION OF THE OFFICE OF
15 INSPECTOR GENERAL, WHICH WE HAVE BEEN SLOW TO GET TO FOR A
16 VARIETY OF REASONS, NOT TOTALLY OUR FAULT. BUT WE'RE MOVING,
17 AS WE HAD ON THE AGENDA TODAY, WE'RE MOVING SWIFTLY TO APPOINT
18 THAT AND SELECT THAT INDIVIDUAL. WITH CONSIDERABLE COMMUNITY
19 INPUT FROM STAKEHOLDERS, FROM LEFT TO RIGHT. LET'S LET THAT
20 PROCESS GO FORWARD AS RECOMMENDED BY THE CITIZENS' COMMISSION
21 ON JAIL VIOLENCE BEFORE WE GO DOWN THIS ROAD. SO THAT'S MY
22 VIEW OF THIS. I'M CERTAINLY NOT A DEFENDER OF STATUS QUO WHEN
23 IT COMES TO LAW ENFORCEMENT. MY WHOLE CAREER HAS BEEN ONE OF
24 STANDING UP TO LAW ENFORCEMENT, STANDING UP TO CHIEFS OF
25 POLICE, STANDING UP TO SHERIFFS WHEN I DIDN'T AGREE WITH THEM.



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1 SEVERAL OF THE MEMBERS OF THIS BOARD HAVE SIMILARLY DONE SO,
2 BOTH AT THE CITY AND HERE. BUT JUST SAYING IT'S REFORM DOESN'T
3 MAKE IT REFORM, AT LEAST AT THIS STAGE OF THE GAME. AND THE
4 COUNTY NEEDS TO FOLLOW THE PLAN THAT WE ALL EMBRACED, THAT THE
5 SHERIFF EMBRACED IN ALL OF ITS RECOMMENDATIONS THAT PRESENTED
6 BY THE JAIL VIOLENCE COMMISSION, AND LET'S SEE HOW THAT WORKS
7 OUT. IT'S ALREADY HAD SOME POSITIVE IMPACTS IN THE JAILS,
8 WITHOUT DOUBT. VIOLENCE IS DOWN IN THE JAILS. WE HAVE A LONG
9 WAY TO GO ON MENTAL HEALTH, ON JAIL VIOLENCE, ON OTHER ISSUES
10 OF ACCOUNTABILITY IN THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT, COPS ON THE
11 STREET, HOW THEY INTERFACE WITH COMMUNITY MEMBERS. ALL OF THAT
12 IS ON THE TABLE. BUT LET'S TAKE IT ONE STEP AT A TIME. I'M
13 ALSO CONCERNED, FRANKLY, MEMBERS OF THE BOARD, THAT THERE ARE
14 -- THERE HASN'T BEEN AN EFFORT TO RECRUIT CANDIDATES FOR THE
15 INSPECTOR GENERAL'S JOB, AND THAT RECRUITMENT, IF I WAS A
16 CANDIDATE FOR THAT JOB, I WOULD LOOK AT IT AND SAY "THIS IS
17 THE LANDSCAPE. I'M GOING TO REPORT TO THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
18 AND TO THE SHERIFF. I'LL BE INDEPENDENT." NO MENTION OF A
19 COMMISSION. I'M CONCERNED WE'LL LOSE SOME OF THE PEOPLE WHO
20 HAVE WEIGHED IN AND SAID THEY'D LIKE TO TAKE A CRACK AT THE
21 INSPECTOR GENERAL'S JOB. WE KNOW WE HAD A DIFFICULTY IN THE
22 FIRST PASS ON THIS OF GETTING THE KINDS OF PEOPLE WE WERE
23 LOOKING FOR BECAUSE WE DIDN'T KNOW EXACTLY WHAT WE WERE
24 LOOKING FOR, WHICH WAS PART OF THE PROBLEM. BUT WE DIDN'T HAVE
25 A DEPTH OF CANDIDATES THE FIRST TIME AROUND THAT WE WOULD HAVE



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1 PREFERRED. IT LOOKS LIKE WE MAY HAVE A BETTER CHANCE AT IT
2 THIS TIME. I DON'T WANT TO LOSE ANY OF THOSE CANDIDATES
3 BECAUSE WE'RE CHANGING THE RULES OR CHANGING THE LANDSCAPE ON
4 THEM BEFORE THEY'VE EVEN HAD A CHANCE TO INTERVIEW FOR THE
5 JOB. SO FOR ALL OF THOSE REASONS, I THINK THIS IS AT BEST
6 PREMATURE AND NEEDS A LOT MORE WORK IF WE WERE GOING TO GO
7 DOWN THIS ROAD. THERE'S NO DEFINITION FOR WHAT THIS COMMISSION
8 IS SUPPOSED TO DO, WHAT THE CHARGE OF IT IS, WHAT ITS
9 RESPONSIBILITIES ARE GOING TO BE, HOW THEY'RE GOING TO GET
10 INFORMATION. DO THEY HAVE ATTORNEY/CLIENT PRIVILEGE? THEY HAVE
11 ACCESS TO THE DOCUMENTS THAT WE HAVE. OR THAT THE INSPECTOR
12 GENERAL WOULD HAVE. ALL OF THOSE THINGS ARE ISSUES THAT IF WE
13 WERE TO GO DOWN THAT ROAD, WHICH I'M NOT PROPOSING WE DO AT
14 THIS POINT, THAT WE WENT DOWN THAT ROAD, THOSE ARE QUESTIONS
15 THAT NEED TO BE ANSWERED BEFORE WE AGREE TO DO SOMETHING LIKE
16 THAT, AND THOSE ARE VERY COMPLICATED AND DIFFICULT QUESTIONS.
17 ONE OF THE FIRST THINGS I DID WHEN I GOT HERE IN THE MID '90S
18 WAS TO LOOK AT THIS ISSUE. AND WITH YOUR PREDECESSOR, MR.
19 KRATTLI. AND WE STUDIED AND ANALYZED IT AND CONCLUDED THAT
20 CREATING AN ADVISORY COMMISSION WOULD BE USELESS, LARGELY
21 USELESS, AND COULD BE COUNTERPRODUCTIVE. AND THAT WAS 17, 18
22 YEARS AGO. WE'VE COME A LONG WAY SINCE THEN. AND WE'RE MOVING
23 A LONG WAY DOWN THE ROAD LOOKING AHEAD. AND I HAVE SOME DEGREE
24 OF OPTIMISM THAT WE'RE MAKING -- THAT WE WILL MAKE AND WE ARE
25 MAKING PROGRESS. WHEN WE GET THE INSPECTOR GENERAL, THAT WILL



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1 BE A TEST. AND THAT'S WHERE I AM ON THIS AT THIS POINT IN
2 TIME. THANK YOU. MR. CHAIRMAN?

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4 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** SUPERVISOR KNABE.

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6 **SUP. KNABE:** I JUST NEED TO EXPLAIN MY NO VOTE. MY NO VOTE UP
7 FRONT IS IT'S NOT A NEVER ON THE COMMISSION, BUT I THINK THE
8 BIG DIFFERENCE FOR ME IS NO DIFFERENT ON THE BLUE RIBBON
9 COMMISSION ON CHILDREN AND FAMILY SERVICES. THERE'S A
10 STRATEGIC PLAN IN PLACE THERE. WE HAVE A PLAN IN PLACE IN
11 CONJUNCTION WITH THE COMMISSION ON JAIL VIOLENCE AND INSPECTOR
12 GENERAL PROCESS. LET THAT PLAY OUT BEFORE WE LOOK AT THE ISSUE
13 OF IMPLEMENTING A COMMISSION. INSTEAD OF JUST SORT OF PILING
14 EVERYTHING ON AND SAY WE'LL DO THIS, THIS, AND THIS. WE'VE
15 ESTABLISHED VERY STRONGLY A PROCESS THROUGH RECOMMENDATIONS OF
16 THE JAIL VIOLENCE COMMISSION TO MOVE FORWARD. SO, I, AGAIN, AS
17 MR. YAROSLAVSKY INDICATED, I THINK IT'S A BIT PREMATURE TO DO
18 THE COMMISSION. IT MAY BE VIABLE AT SOME POINT. IT MAY BE
19 SOMETHING THAT WE DO HAVE TO LOOK AT. BUT I WOULD LIKE THE
20 INPUT OF THE INSPECTOR GENERAL AND OTHERS PRIOR TO JUST
21 IMPLEMENTING IT BEFORE WE EVEN HIRE AN INSPECTOR GENERAL.

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23 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR KNABE AND
24 SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY. THE QUESTION REALLY REDUCES ITSELF TO
25 THE FOLLOWING, IN MY MIND: WHETHER OR NOT WE WANT THE WHOLE



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1 LOAF OR A HALF LOAF WITH RESPECT TO REFORM. IT IS THE
2 CONSIDERED VIEW OF THE BOARD TO MOVE FORWARD WITH AN INSPECTOR
3 GENERAL, THE OFFICE OF THE INSPECTOR GENERAL. AND I WOULD
4 SIMPLY SAY THAT THAT IS AN IMPORTANT STEP FORWARD. IT IS NOT
5 ONE OR THE OTHER. IT SEEMS TO ME IF YOU WANT TO ENHANCE
6 REFORM, WISDOM SUGGESTS AND EXPERIENCE, AS WELL, SUGGESTS THAT
7 YOU NEED BOTH. IF WE LOOK TO LOS ANGELES BUT WE'RE NOT LIMITED
8 TO LOS ANGELES, YOU CAN LOOK TO OTHER MAJOR MUNICIPALITIES FOR
9 THE SIMILAR MODEL. THE POINT TO BE MADE IS THAT JUST THINK FOR
10 A MOMENT, FOR THOSE OF US AND THREE OF THE MEMBERS HERE SERVED
11 ON THE LOS ANGELES POLICE DEPARTMENT AS AN EXAMPLE. AND I'M
12 GOING TO SAY IF YOU APPEAL TO THE JAIL VIOLENCE REPORT, YOU'LL
13 BE ABLE TO CORROBORATE THE CONCERN THAT I'VE RAISED IN TERMS
14 OF DEFERENCE RATHER THAN REJECTION. THAT'S AN IMPORTANT
15 CONSIDERATION. AND THEY CAME HERE AND WE QUERIED THEM ABOUT
16 THAT. AND THE BOTTOM LINE WAS THEY THOUGHT IT WOULD BE BEST
17 LEFT UP TO THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS. NOT THAT THEY THOUGHT IT
18 WAS A FAILED IDEA. THAT WOULD BE INCORRECT. AND YOU CAN APPEAL
19 TO THE DOCUMENT TO SUBSTANTIATE THAT. BUT THE POINT I WANT TO
20 MAKE MORE IMMEDIATELY IS FOR THE THREE OF US WHO -- AND LET ME
21 JUST READ IT TO YOU FOR YOUR INFORMATION, AND I QUOTE "WHILE
22 THE COMMISSION CONSIDERED A CIVILIAN COMMISSION COMPRISED OF
23 COMMUNITY LEADERS AND AS AN ADDITIONAL OVERSIGHT BODY, SUCH A
24 COMMISSION IS NOT NECESSARY IF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
25 CONTINUES TO PUT A SPOTLIGHT ON CONDITIONS IN JAIL AND



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1 ESTABLISHES A WELL-STRUCTURED AND ADEQUATELY STAFFED O.I.G.,
2 OFFICE OF THE INSPECTOR GENERAL." AND SO THAT'S THE
3 DISPOSITION OF THE JAIL VIOLENCE COMMISSION ON THE MATTER. AND
4 LET ME JUST SAY FURTHER. THE THREE OF US WHO SAT ON THE LOS
5 ANGELES CITY COUNCIL, THINK FOR A MOMENT IF, IN FACT, WE WERE
6 TO HAVE THE OFFICE OF THE INSPECTOR GENERAL REPORT TO THE LOS
7 ANGELES CITY COUNCIL. IT WOULDN'T WORK. DYSFUNCTIONAL. TOO
8 MANY OTHER TASKS TO ATTEND TO. THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS HAS
9 EVEN MORE TASKS THAN THE LOS ANGELES CITY COUNCIL. SECOND
10 POINT I WANT TO MAKE IN THIS REGARD. JUST THINK IF THEY WERE
11 TO REPORT EXCLUSIVELY TO THE POLICE DEPARTMENT IN ONE WAY OR
12 ANOTHER. THAT DOESN'T WORK. IT REINFORCES THE VERY NOTION THAT
13 INDEPENDENT OVERSIGHT NEEDS TO BE IN PLACE. AND SO I THINK
14 YOU'VE HEARD BOTH SIDES OF THIS DISCUSSION. IT'S A WORTHY
15 DISCUSSION. IT'S AN IMPORTANT ONE. I APPRECIATE THE
16 PERSPECTIVES ARTICULATED BY THOSE WHO HAVE UNREADINESS AT THIS
17 POINT. I DO TAKE NOTE OF THE FACT THAT THEY HAVEN'T
18 DEFINITELY CLOSED THE DOOR ON THE SUBJECT. WE ARE MAKING
19 PROGRESS IN TERMS OF REFORM. THE QUESTION REDUCES ITSELF TO IN
20 PART THE PACE OF REFORM. AND I THINK THAT WE NEED TO QUICKEN
21 THE PACE OF REFORM, NOT BECAUSE OF FEAR THAT THERE WILL BE
22 PROBLEMS IN QUICKENING IT, I THINK THERE WILL BE CONTINUED
23 PROBLEMS IF WE DON'T PICK UP THE PACE. OBVIOUSLY THERE'S A
24 DIFFERENCE OF OPINION ON THAT MATTER. IT'S A WORTHY DISCUSSION



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1 AND I COMMIT MYSELF TO THAT. IF THERE'S NO FURTHER DISCUSSION
2 AT THIS POINT IN TIME.

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4 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** I'D LIKE TO MAKE ONE COMMENT -- TWO
5 COMMENTS. THE QUOTE YOU READ FROM THE COMMISSION'S REPORT
6 CONFIRMS THAT THEY CONSIDERED IT AND THEY DID NOT RECOMMEND
7 IT. SECONDLY, THERE IS A DIFFERENCE BETWEEN THE CITY OF LOS
8 ANGELES POLICE DEPARTMENT AND THE L.A. COUNTY SHERIFF'S
9 DEPARTMENT.

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11 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** CORRECT.

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13 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** THE POLICE CHIEF IS NOT AN ELECTED OFFICIAL.
14 THE COUNTY SHERIFF IS AN ELECTED OFFICIAL AND IS ACCOUNTABLE
15 TO THE VOTERS, AS HE IS FINDING OUT AS WE SIT HERE TODAY. HE'S
16 GOING TO HAVE TO DEFEND HIS RECORD AND HIS DEPARTMENT AS HE
17 GOES UP FOR ELECTION NEXT YEAR. IF THAT'S WHAT HE CHOOSES TO
18 DO. AND THAT'S THE FUNDAMENTAL DIFFERENCE. AND IT'S NOT JUST
19 FUNDAMENTAL IN THE POLITICAL SENSE. IT'S FUNDAMENTAL IN THE
20 LEGAL SENSE, WHICH IS WHY ONLY ONE COUNTY IN THE STATE OF
21 CALIFORNIA HAS EVER ATTEMPTED THIS KIND OF A THING BECAUSE AT
22 THE END OF THE DAY, THE LAW, THE STATE LAW, THE CONSTITUTION
23 OF THE STATE, MAKES IT VIRTUALLY IMPOSSIBLE TO HAVE A
24 MEANINGFUL OVERSIGHT BY AN INDEPENDENT COMMISSION. IT'S TOUGH
25 ENOUGH FOR THIS BOARD TO HAVE OVERSIGHT. AND WE ARE THE



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1 GOVERNING BODY. BUT THE LAW CONSTRAINS US. A CITIZENS'
2 COMMISSION THAT IT WOULD BE ADVISORY WOULD HAVE ABSOLUTELY NO
3 LEGAL STANDING TO DO THE KINDS OF THINGS THAT EVEN WE DO. AND
4 CERTAINLY NOT THE KINDS OF THINGS THAT A MUNICIPAL POLICE
5 DEPARTMENT LIKE L.A.P.D. DOES BECAUSE THEY HAVE A TOTALLY
6 DIFFERENT STRUCTURE. SO I JUST WANTED TO MAKE THOSE TWO
7 POINTS.

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9 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** IN YOUR INITIAL POINT YOU ASKED
10 A QUESTION AS TO PAGE 193 OF THE REPORT IN TERMS OF WHAT IT
11 SAYS. I THINK I READ EXPLICITLY WHAT IT SAYS WHICH I INTERPRET
12 MORE AS DEFERRING TO THE BOARD RATHER THAN REJECTING THE IDEA.
13 ON THAT POINT, I STAND. THE SECOND POINT THAT I WOULD MAKE IS
14 THE FACT THAT THE HEAD OF THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT IS ELECTED
15 AS OPPOSED TO THE HEAD OF THE POLICE DEPARTMENT AND, FOR
16 EXAMPLE, IN LOS ANGELES BEING APPOINTED DOESN'T MAKE A
17 MATERIAL DIFFERENCE TO THOSE WHO ARE SUBJECT TO POLICE
18 MISCONDUCT OR ABUSE. AND THE POINT TO BE MADE IS THAT'S WHY
19 D.O.J. IS HERE, TRYING TO FIGURE OUT WHAT'S GOING ON, FOR
20 EXAMPLE, IN THE JAILS. WE HAVEN'T EVEN BEGUN TO TALK ABOUT
21 PATROLS. AND I DON'T WANT THIS TO BE A WHOLESale INDICTMENT OF
22 THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT. A COMMISSION IN
23 ITS FORMATION AND ESTABLISHMENT CAN'T BE THAT. IT SHOULDN'T BE
24 THAT. IT SHOULD PUSH TOWARD A HIGHER LEVEL OF ACCOUNTABILITY
25 AND SERVICE THE OBJECTIVE OF PUBLIC CONFIDENCE AS WELL AS



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1 PUBLIC TRUST. I WANT TO SAY THAT PUBLIC SAFETY IS
2 FUNDAMENTALLY IMPORTANT. BUT IT CANNOT BE HANDLED EXCLUSIVELY
3 BY THE DOMAIN OF THOSE WITHIN THE LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCY. IT
4 REQUIRES ALL OF US TO EMBRACE IT. AND I THINK THE COMMISSION
5 OUGHT TO BE VIEWED IN THAT MANNER. AND SO YOU OFFER A
6 DISTINCTION WITHOUT A DIFFERENCE WHEN YOU SAY THE CHIEF OF
7 POLICE IS APPOINTED AND THE SHERIFF IS ELECTED. WHEN THE
8 RUBBER HITS THE ROAD, WHEN D.O.J. SHOWS UP AND PUTS A CONSENT
9 DECREE ON THE LOS ANGELES POLICE DEPARTMENT, THEY DID NOT CARE
10 WHETHER THAT CHIEF OF POLICE, BE IT DARYL GATES, BE IT WILLIE
11 WILLIAMS, BE IT BERNARD PARKS OR BILL BRATTON FOR THAT MATTER.
12 THAT'S NOT THE CONCERN. THEY DON'T CARE WHETHER IT'S SHERIFF
13 BLOCK OR SHERIFF BACA OR PITCHESS FOR THAT MATTER. THEY CARE
14 ABOUT CONSTITUTIONAL POLICING. AND THAT'S ESSENTIALLY WHAT WE
15 SHOULD BE CONCERNED ABOUT AND FOCUSED ON, WHICH WOULD BE THE
16 THRUST OF THE COMMISSION. I THINK THE WISDOM OF THE BOARD
17 SUGGESTS THAT SHOULD CONTINUE FOR THREE WEEKS. AND WE WILL
18 RESUME THE MATTER AT THAT POINT IN TIME. WE THANK YOU, ALL.
19 AND I THINK THE BOARD SHOULD BE ACKNOWLEDGED FOR THE SINCERITY
20 OF THE DIALOGUE AND THE ARTICULATION OF THE DIFFERING POINTS
21 OF VIEW. MADAM EXECUTIVE OFFICER, LET'S GO TO THE SET ITEMS,
22 PLEASE.

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24 **SACHI HAMAI, EXEC. OFFICER:** MR. CHAIR, THAT WOULD BE THE 11
25 O'CLOCK ITEM, ITEM NUMBER S-1?



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2 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** PROFESSOR DROOYAN, I THINK YOU
3 SHOULD BEGIN YOUR PRESENTATION IN ACKNOWLEDGING THAT I AM
4 CORRECT IN MY REPRESENTATION OF THE JAIL VIOLENCE COMMISSION'S
5 REPORT. AND IF YOU WERE TO DO THAT, WE WILL AFFORD YOU THE
6 APPROPRIATE HALL PASS IN TERMS OF THE BREVITY OF YOUR REMARKS.
7 [LAUGHTER.]

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9 **RICHARD E. DROOYAN:** GOOD MORNING.

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11 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** GOOD MORNING TO OUR JAIL
12 VIOLENCE INDEPENDENT MONITOR. WE THANK YOU FOR BEING HERE. WE
13 WELCOME YOU FOR YOUR MONTHLY REPORT. WE ACKNOWLEDGE THE
14 HONORABLE LEROY BACA, THE SHERIFF, AND THE ASSISTANT SHERIFF,
15 TERRI MCDONALD. WE ARE GLAD TO SEE ALL THREE OF YOU. LET'S
16 PROCEED WITH THIS ITEM, WHICH IS S-1. MR. DROOYAN, PLEASE.
17 AND, LADIES AND GENTLEMEN, WE NEED YOUR UNDIVIDED ATTENTION.
18 THAT'S ON BOTH SIDES, LEFT AND RIGHT HERE. AND I'M GOING TO
19 ASK THE SERGEANT AT ARMS TO DO WHAT A SERGEANT AT ARMS SHOULD
20 DO, WHICH IS TO MAKE SURE THAT THE BOARDROOM IS IN A POSTURE
21 OF LISTENING AND HEARING AND THAT EVERYBODY CAN DO SO BECAUSE
22 MR. DROOYAN IS ABOUT TO SET THE RECORD STRAIGHT AND VINDICATE
23 THE CHAIR. IF HE DOESN'T DO THAT, WE'LL QUICKLY GO TO THE
24 SHERIFF FOR HIS VINDICATION.

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1 **RICHARD E. DROOYAN:** LISTEN, I WILL AGREE THAT WHAT YOU READ
2 FROM THE REPORT ON PAGE 193 WAS A CORRECT QUOTATION FROM THE
3 REPORT. I THINK I WOULD LIKE TO DEFER MY FURTHER COMMENTS
4 REGARDING AN INTERPRETATION OF THAT ISSUE UNTIL OCTOBER 8TH.

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6 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** ALL RIGHT. THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

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8 **RICHARD E. DROOYAN:** AND PROCEED WITH MY REPORT.

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10 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** YOU WILL BE LOBBIED BY BOTH
11 PARTIES ACCORDINGLY. PROCEED, SIR.

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13 **RICHARD E. DROOYAN:** I'LL BE HERE ON OCTOBER 8TH. THIS IS MY
14 NINTH REPORT. I JUST WANT TO GO A LITTLE BIT QUICKLY THROUGH
15 HISTORY STARTING IN JANUARY OF THIS YEAR WHEN I REPORTED THAT
16 THE DEPARTMENT HAD IMPLEMENTED 20 OF THE RECOMMENDATIONS,
17 PARTIALLY IMPLEMENTED ANOTHER 11, 27 WERE IN PROGRESS AND 2
18 HAD NOT BEEN STARTED. NOW, AS OF SEPTEMBER 10TH, WHICH WAS
19 WHEN I SUBMITTED MY WRITTEN REPORT, THE DEPARTMENT HAD
20 IMPLEMENTED 39 RECOMMENDATIONS, PARTIALLY IMPLEMENTED ANOTHER
21 10 AND WERE IN PROGRESS ON A NUMBER 11. AND THERE WERE TWO
22 RECOMMENDATIONS THAT HAD BEEN IMPLEMENTED SINCE AUGUST. AND
23 THOSE WERE THE ISSUE OF MANAGEMENT ACCOUNTABILITY NUMBER 4.2,
24 AND ALSO THE REDUCTION OF CHARGES, NUMBER 7.10. AND I'M GOING
25 TO ADDRESS EACH OF THOSE SEPARATELY. THE COMMISSION



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1 RECOMMENDED THAT THE SHERIFF HOLD HIGH LEVEL MANAGERS WHO WERE
2 RESPONSIBLE FOR THE JAILS ACCOUNTABLE FOR THE PROBLEMS THAT
3 THE COMMISSION REPORTED ON. AS I INDICATED IN MY WRITTEN
4 REPORT AND AS I INDICATED WHEN I APPEARED BEFORE THE BOARD IN
5 AUGUST, ISSUES OF MANAGEMENT ACCOUNTABILITY ARE VERY
6 DIFFICULT. THEY ARE DIFFICULT FOR ME TO REPORT ON BECAUSE OF
7 PRIVACY CONCERNS, CONFIDENTIALITY ISSUES AND THEY ARE ALSO
8 DIFFICULT TO REPORT ON BECAUSE IT IS NOT ALWAYS CLEAR WHAT
9 CAUSED CERTAIN THINGS TO HAPPEN. I DID HAVE ACCESS TO THE
10 ADMINISTRATIVE INVESTIGATIONS THAT THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT
11 CONDUCTED THAT GREW OUT OF THE C.C.J.V., THE COMMISSION'S
12 REPORT. I DID THINK THAT THOSE ADMINISTRATIVE INVESTIGATIONS
13 WERE COMPREHENSIVE. I THOUGHT THEY WERE THOROUGH AND WELL
14 DONE. I HAD CRITICISMS WITH RESPECT TO TWO ISSUES. ONE, I
15 THOUGHT THAT SOME OF THE INVESTIGATIONS TOOK TOO LONG, WHICH I
16 THINK WAS REALLY A RESOURCE ISSUE. I WOULD HAVE LIKED TO HAVE
17 SEEN MORE RESOURCES DEVOTED TO THE ADMINISTRATIVE
18 INVESTIGATION TO GET IT DONE SOONER. AND I ALSO DISAGREED WITH
19 ONE CONCLUSION. THERE WAS ONE FINDING THAT WAS UNFOUNDED. AND
20 I THOUGHT IT SHOULD HAVE AT LEAST BEEN NOT RESOLVED. BUT THERE
21 WERE, IN THE ADMINISTRATIVE INVESTIGATIONS CONCLUSIONS THAT
22 SOME OF THE ALLEGATIONS WERE FOUNDED. IT IS MY VIEW THAT THE
23 ADMINISTRATIVE INVESTIGATIONS, COMBINED WITH THE MANAGEMENT
24 REORGANIZATION UNDERTAKEN BY THE SHERIFF WERE SIGNIFICANT
25 FACTORS IN CAUSING THE HIGH-LEVEL MANAGERS TO RETIRE FROM THE



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1 DEPARTMENT. AS I SAID LAST TIME, I WOULD HAVE LIKED TO HAVE
2 SEEN THE DEPARTMENT PERHAPS BE MORE AGGRESSIVE ON THIS ISSUE
3 OF MANAGEMENT ACCOUNTABILITY. BUT AT THIS POINT IN TIME, I
4 THINK IT IS CORRECT TO SAY THAT NONE OF THE HIGH-LEVEL
5 MANAGERS WHO HAD RESPONSIBILITY FOR OVERSIGHT OF THE JAILS
6 DURING THE PERIOD INVESTIGATED BY THE JAIL COMMISSION ARE WITH
7 THE DEPARTMENT AT THIS POINT IN TIME. AND I THINK THE
8 DEPARTMENT HAS ULTIMATELY IMPLEMENTED THIS RECOMMENDATION,
9 ALTHOUGH AS I SAID I THINK IT SHOULD HAVE BEEN DONE QUICKER
10 AND PERHAPS MORE AGGRESSIVELY. WITH RESPECT TO THE REDUCTION
11 OF CHARGES AND/OR DISCIPLINE, ONE OF THE CONCERNS THAT THE
12 COMMISSION HAD FOUND WAS THERE HAD BEEN A TENDENCY FOR THE
13 DEPARTMENT TO RECATEGORIZE ALLEGATIONS THAT INVOLVED EITHER
14 DISHONESTY OR EXCESSIVE FORCE INTO SOMETHING ELSE THAT DIDN'T
15 TRULY REPRESENT THE MISCONDUCT THAT WAS AT ISSUE. THE
16 DEPARTMENT HAS NOW TAKEN SEVERAL STEPS TO ADDRESS THAT ISSUE.
17 AND I BELIEVE THAT THEY HAVE NOW IMPLEMENTED THIS
18 RECOMMENDATION. THERE ARE SOME LIMITATIONS. AND I THINK THE
19 DEPARTMENT WENT AS FAR AS IT COULD TO IMPLEMENT THIS
20 RECOMMENDATION WITHOUT GOING THROUGH A MEET AND CONFER PROCESS
21 AND PERHAPS EVEN HAVING TO REACH A NEW AGREEMENT WITH THE
22 UNIONS. SO I BELIEVE THAT THEY'VE NOW GONE AS FAR AS THEY CAN
23 TO LIMIT THE DISCRETION OF CAPTAINS WITH RESPECT TO THE
24 REDUCTION OF CHARGES AND/OR DISCIPLINE. THIS IS WHERE WE
25 REALLY ARE TODAY. AND THESE ARE THE REMAINING RECOMMENDATIONS



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1 THAT HAVE PENDING REQUESTS BY THE DEPARTMENT FOR FUNDING.
2 THERE ARE ESSENTIALLY FIVE DISTINCT CATEGORIES OF FUNDING
3 REQUESTS FROM THE DEPARTMENT WITH RESPECT TO THE ACTUAL
4 OPERATIONS. THERE'S ALSO -- THERE'S ONE REQUEST FOR UPGRADING
5 THE COMPUTER AND THERE'S ANOTHER REQUEST FOR FIXED CLOSED
6 CIRCUIT TELEVISION CAMERAS. BUT ASIDE FROM THOSE TWO, THERE
7 ARE ESSENTIALLY FIVE AREAS WHERE THERE ARE FUNDING REQUESTS.
8 TRAINING, SUPERVISION, RISK MANAGEMENT, INVESTIGATIONS AND
9 AUDIT AND INSPECTIONS. THOSE ARE THE FIVE FUNDAMENTAL AREAS
10 WHERE THE DEPARTMENT HAS NOW MADE REQUESTS FOR FUNDING. AND IF
11 YOU SEE ON THIS CHART, MANY OF THE RECOMMENDATIONS THAT ARE
12 REMAINING, THAT HAVE NOT BEEN IMPLEMENTED BY THE DEPARTMENT
13 ARE TIED TO THOSE FUNDING REQUESTS. THE 3.10 IS TO ANALYZE
14 INMATE USE OF FORCE AND GRIEVANCES. THEY ARE DOING THAT AT THE
15 DIVISION LEVEL. THE COMMISSION RECOMMENDED THAT THEY ALSO DO
16 THIS AT THE UNIT LEVEL. IN THE SPECIFIC JAILS. AND THE
17 COMMISSION RECOMMENDED RISK MANAGERS AT EACH OF THE JAILS. THE
18 DEPARTMENT'S TERMINOLOGY IS TO CALL THESE COMPLIANCE
19 LIEUTENANTS. BUT THEY ARE THE SAME THING THAT THE COMMISSION
20 RECOMMENDED. AND THESE COMPLIANCE LIEUTENANTS WOULD BE
21 RESPONSIBLE FOR ANALYZING INMATE USE OF FORCE GRIEVANCES AT
22 THE COMMISSION. EXCUSE ME. AT THE UNIT LEVEL. THE NEXT ONE,
23 4.12 IS INTERNAL AUDIT INSPECTIONS. THIS IS A COMPLETELY NEW
24 DIVISION. THE DEPARTMENT DOES DO INSPECTIONS. THEY'RE COMMAND
25 INSPECTIONS. THEY ARE NOT COORDINATED. THEY ARE NOT



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1 CENTRALIZED. AND THE COMMISSION RECOMMENDED AN INTERNAL AUDIT
2 AND INSPECTION DIVISION. THE DEPARTMENT HAS PROPOSED SETTING
3 UP AN INSPECTION SERVICE COMMAND. 5.2, 5.3, 5.8, 6.1 AND 6.3
4 ARE REALLY ALL RELATED TO ENHANCING THE QUALITY OF THE
5 TRAINING THAT EXISTING STAFF GET AT THE DEPARTMENT. THE
6 DEPARTMENT HAS ENHANCED THE TRAINING THAT GOES INTO THE
7 ACADEMY FOR NEW RECRUITS AND HAS ENHANCED THE TRAINING RIGHT
8 AFTER THEY LEAVE THE ACADEMY. BUT THERE IS A NEED FOR A
9 FORMALIZED TRAINING BUREAU WITHIN THE CUSTODY DIVISION TO
10 IMPLEMENT FURTHER FORCE PREVENTION TRAINING FOR EXISTING
11 STAFF, ETHICS TRAINING TO DISCOURAGE CLIQUES AND ULTIMATELY
12 OVERALL ENHANCE CUSTODY DIVISION TRAINING. AND SO THERE ARE
13 FIVE RECOMMENDATIONS THAT ARE TIED INTO THE DEPARTMENT'S
14 PROPOSAL TO ESTABLISH A CUSTODY TRAINING BUREAU. 6.5 WAS TO
15 ENHANCE SUPERVISION. THIS IS A CRITICAL RECOMMENDATION. AS THE
16 IMPLEMENTATION MONITOR, I WANTED TO GET THE INPUT OF THE NEW
17 ASSISTANT SHERIFF BEFORE FORMALLY REPORTING ON THE
18 DEPARTMENT'S RESPONSE TO THIS RECOMMENDATION. SHE HAS NOW
19 THROUGHOUT HER TEAM, DONE AN EXHAUSTIVE ANALYSIS OF THE
20 SUPERVISION NEEDS. THAT'S BEEN REVIEWED BY THE CONSULTANTS.
21 AND THERE IS A PROPOSAL FOR ADDITIONAL SERGEANTS AND
22 LIEUTENANTS. EVERYBODY HAS LOOKED AT THIS ISSUE: THE
23 COMMISSION, THE CONSULTANTS HIRED BY THIS BOARD, THE NEW
24 ASSISTANT SHERIFF WHO COMES FROM OUTSIDE IF THE DEPARTMENT,
25 ALL RECOGNIZE THE NEED FOR SIGNIFICANT NUMBER OF ADDITIONAL



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1 SERGEANTS IN THE CUSTODY DIVISION. THE 7.1 AND 7.6 RELATE TO
2 REVAMPING THE INVESTIGATIVE AND DISCIPLINARY SYSTEM AND
3 ENHANCING INVESTIGATIVE RESOURCES TO MAKE SURE THAT THE
4 ADMINISTRATIVE INVESTIGATIONS OF ANYTHING INVOLVING AN INJURY
5 ARE DONE BY INTERNAL AFFAIRS. AND ALSO IF YOU LOOK AT NUMBER
6 7.9, TO INSURE THAT NO ADMINISTRATIVE INVESTIGATIONS AT ALL,
7 EVEN THOSE THAT DON'T INVOLVE INJURIES, ARE NOT BEING DONE BY
8 THE SUPERVISORS OF THE DEPUTIES INVOLVED IN THE USE OF FORCE
9 INCIDENT. SO THAT ALL ADMINISTRATIVE INVESTIGATIONS WILL BE
10 DONE EITHER BY INTERNAL AFFAIRS OR BY THE COMPLIANCE
11 LIEUTENANTS. AND THESE RECOMMENDATIONS, 7.1, 7.6, 7.9 ARE ALL
12 TIED TO THE NEED THE DEPARTMENT HAS FOR ADDITIONAL
13 INVESTIGATIVE RESOURCES IN THE INTERNAL AFFAIRS BUREAU AND THE
14 INTERNAL CRIMINAL INVESTIGATION BUREAU. AGAIN, THIS IS
15 SOMETHING THAT THERE'S JUST ABSOLUTELY NO DISPUTE IN MY MIND
16 ABOUT. THE JAIL COMMISSION LOOKED AT THIS ISSUE. THE
17 CONSULTANTS HAD LOOKED AT THIS ISSUE. THE NEW ASSISTANT
18 SHERIFF HAD LOOKED AT THIS ISSUE. AND EVERYBODY CONCLUDES THAT
19 THERE NEEDS TO BE ADDITIONAL INVESTIGATIVE RESOURCES SO THAT
20 THE INTERNAL AFFAIRS INVESTIGATIONS AND THE INTERNAL CRIMINAL
21 INVESTIGATIONS DON'T TAKE AS LONG AS THEY'VE TAKEN AND THESE
22 THINGS GET RESOLVED MUCH SOONER SO THAT THE DEPUTIES GET
23 RESOLUTION, AND SO DO THE PEOPLE AND THE COUNTY GET A
24 RESOLUTION OF THESE ISSUES MUCH QUICKER UNANIMOUS THEY HAVE IN
25 THE PAST. AND THEN AS I INDICATED, THERE IS A REQUEST FROM THE



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1 DEPARTMENT FOR ADDITIONAL FIXED CAMERAS. THAT RELATES TO 7.15
2 WHERE THE COMMISSION RECOMMENDED THE ADDITIONAL USE OF LAPEL
3 CAMERAS. AND I HAVE REPORTED IN DETAIL ON THE STATUS OF THIS
4 RECOMMENDATION IN MY WRITTEN REPORT. IN ESSENCE, THE
5 CONSULTANTS AGREE WITH THE DEPARTMENT'S NEED FOR ADDITIONAL
6 FIXED CAMERAS. THEY WOULD LIKE TO SEE THE DEPARTMENT INCLUDE
7 AN AUDIO COMPONENT SO THAT THE DEPUTIES ARE NOT GOING TO HAVE
8 A SIGNIFICANT NUMBER OF ADDITIONAL LAPEL CAMERAS, THAT A LOT
9 OF THE DEPUTIES CAN BE CARRYING AUDIO RECORDERS TO RECORD
10 INCIDENTS, THE AUDIO PORTION OF INCIDENTS THAT ARE BEING
11 PICKED UP BY THE ADDITIONAL C.C.T.V. CAMERAS. THE CONSULTANTS
12 DO BELIEVE THAT THE DEPARTMENT SHOULD SET OUT A PILOT PROGRAM
13 FOR THE USE OF LAPEL CAMERAS. THERE IS A PROPOSAL FROM THE
14 DEPARTMENT ITSELF TO USE LAPEL CAMERAS IN HIGH INTENSITY AREAS
15 IN MEN'S CENTRAL JAIL. THE CONSULTANT'S VIEW IS THAT THE
16 DEPARTMENT SHOULD CONTINUE WITH THAT PILOT PROGRAM, SEE HOW
17 THAT WORKS, AND THEN MAKE A DECISION LATER ON ABOUT EXPANDING
18 THE USE OF LAPEL CAMERAS. SO, THIS IS BASICALLY A SUMMARY OF
19 THE STATUS OF THE PENDING FUNDING REQUEST. THE C.E.O.'S OFFICE
20 HAS RECOMMENDED TO THIS BOARD FUNDING FOR 33 POSITIONS IN THE
21 CUSTODY DIVISION TRAINING BUREAU FOR SIX COMPLIANCE
22 LIEUTENANTS. THERE WOULD BE ONE IN EACH FACILITY EXCEPT THAT
23 THERE WOULD BE ONE THAT WOULD COVER BOTH NORTH AND SOUTH AND
24 ONE AT EVERY OTHER FACILITY. AND THE C.E.O.'S OFFICE HAS
25 RECOMMENDED INITIALLY 25 ADDITIONAL SERGEANTS WITH THE



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1 RECOGNITION THAT THAT IS NOT GOING TO BE A SUFFICIENT NUMBER
2 AND ADDITIONAL SERGEANTS ARE GOING TO BE NEEDED. AT THIS POINT
3 IN TIME, THE FUNDING REQUEST FROM THE DEPARTMENT THAT ARE
4 UNDER REVIEW BY THE C.E.O.'S OFFICE ARE FOR ADDITIONAL I.A.B.,
5 I.C.I.B. ADVOCACY UNIT AND INTERNAL INVESTIGATION RESOURCES
6 FOR THE INSPECTIONAL SERVICES COMMAND FOR UPGRADING THE DATA
7 TRACKING SYSTEM AND ADDITIONAL SUPERVISORS. AND THEN, FINALLY,
8 THERE WAS THE FUNDING REQUEST REVIEWED BY THE MONITOR AND
9 MYSELF AND THE CONSULTANTS, THAT IS THE LAPEL-AFFIXED C.C.T.V.
10 CAMERAS, AND I HAVE SUBMITTED THAT REPORT TO THE C.E.O.'S
11 OFFICE YESTERDAY. SO THAT WILL BE UNDER REVIEW BY THE C.E.O.'S
12 OFFICE GOING FORWARD. HERE ARE THE REMAINING RECOMMENDATIONS
13 FOR WHICH THERE IS NO IMMEDIATE FUNDING REQUIRED. FURTHER
14 ASSESSMENT OF THE DEPUTIES' CUSTODY ASSISTANT RATIO. AS OF
15 JULY, THE DEPARTMENT HAS NOW MET THE 65/35 RATIO THAT IS
16 MEMORIALIZED IN THE ALADS AND THE POPA AGREEMENTS. THIS WAS AN
17 ISSUE EARLY ON WHEN I REPORTED TO THE BOARD IN JANUARY AND
18 FEBRUARY BECAUSE TO THE EXTENT THAT YOU CAN REPLACE DEPUTIES
19 WITH CUSTODY ASSISTANTS, YOU CAN SAVE MONEY. THE DEPARTMENT
20 FROZE 81 POSITIONS. THEY HAVE NOW REPLACED THOSE DEPUTY
21 POSITIONS WITH CUSTODY ASSISTANTS. I'VE HEARD A SAVINGS IN THE
22 NEIGHBORHOOD OF FOUR MILLION DOLLARS AS A RESULT OF THAT. BUT
23 I WOULD LIKE TO SEE THE DEPARTMENT EXPEDITE A FURTHER
24 ASSESSMENT MUCH THIS RATIO TO SEE IF IT CAN GET DOWN TO 60/40
25 OR 55/35, EXCUSE ME. 55/45 WITHOUT IMPACTING THE SAFETY OF THE



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1 STAFF AND THE INMATES IN THE INSTITUTIONS. I THINK THAT THERE
2 ARE SOME ADDITIONAL DEPUTY SHERIFF POSITIONS THAT CAN BE
3 HANDLED BY CUSTODY ASSISTANTS. AND TO THE EXTENT THAT IS THE
4 CASE, THAT CAN BE A SAVINGS OF MONEY THAT CAN BE USED
5 ELSEWHERE THE DEPARTMENT ANTICIPATES HAVING THE FIRST TWO BODY
6 SCANNERS IN PLACE IN NOVEMBER. AND I BELIEVE THAT THEY HAVE ON
7 ORDER APPROXIMATELY 20 BODY SCANNERS FOR WHICH FUNDING HAS
8 ALREADY BEEN AUTHORIZED. THE DEPARTMENT IS WORKING TO TRACK,
9 TO CHANGE THE COMPUTER SYSTEM SO THAT THEY WILL BE ABLE TO
10 TRACK INMATE GRIEVANCES IN P.P.I. THE ORIGINAL PLAN WAS TO
11 HAVE THIS DONE BY THIS MONTH. THEY HAVE REPORTED THAT THEY
12 HAVE COMPLETED THE COMPUTER MODULE TO DO THIS. THEY FOUND A
13 SECURITY ISSUE. THEY EXPECT TO HAVE THIS RESOLVED BY NOVEMBER
14 AND BE ABLE TO TRACK INMATE GRIEVANCES IN P.P.I. BY THEN. THE
15 DEPARTMENT'S ALSO WORKING ON AN ASSESSMENT OF THE OPERATIONAL
16 STAFFING; NAMELY, HOW MANY STAFF DO THEY HAVE IN EACH
17 FACILITY? HISTORICALLY THE DEPARTMENT HAS A ONE SIZE FITS ALL.
18 THEY'VE HAD THE SAME OPERATIONAL STAFF IN EACH FACILITY. THE
19 JAIL COMMISSION LOOKED AT THAT AND BELIEVED THAT THERE WAS
20 SIGNIFICANT DIFFERENCES AMONG THE FACILITIES AND THEREFORE
21 THERE SHOULD BE SIGNIFICANT DIFFERENCES IN THE STAFFING. THIS
22 COULD RESULT IN A REQUEST FOR ADDITIONAL FUNDING. IT COULD
23 ALSO REQUEST IN A WASH; IN EFFECT, FINDING THAT SOME
24 FACILITIES ARE OVERSTAFFED WHILE OTHER FACILITIES ARE
25 UNDERSTAFFED AND MAKING A RE-ALLOCATION OF THE STAFFING



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1 WITHOUT ADDITIONAL FUNDING. AND THEN THE LAST THING THAT THE
2 DEPARTMENT IS WORKING ON IS A PILOT PROGRAM FOR ELECTRONICALLY
3 TRACKING GRIEVANCES USING IPADS. THIS WILL BE A 14-MONTH PILOT
4 PROGRAM TO SEE HOW IT WORKS. I THINK IT DOES HAVE SOME REAL
5 POSSIBILITIES FOR ENHANCING THE DEPARTMENT'S RESPONSE TO
6 INMATE GRIEVANCES AND FOR TRACKING INMATE GRIEVANCES. BUT THIS
7 PROGRAM IS GOING TO TAKE SOME TIME. AND I DON'T EXPECT ANY
8 RESPONSE, CERTAINLY NOT THIS YEAR. AND IT MAY NOT BE UNTIL
9 2015 BEFORE THE DEPARTMENT IS ABLE TO ASSESS THIS PROGRAM. IN
10 CONCLUSION, THE DEPARTMENT HAS IMPLEMENTED OR PARTIALLY
11 IMPLEMENTED 49 OF THE 60 RECOMMENDATIONS. I AM OF THE VIEW
12 THAT "THE" SINGLE MOST IMPORTANT THING THAT THE DEPARTMENT HAS
13 DONE AND THE SHERIFF HAS DONE HAS BEEN TO REORGANIZE THE
14 MANAGEMENT, THE TOP LEVEL MANAGEMENT, TO HAVE ASSISTANT
15 SHERIFFS WHO ARE DIRECTLY RESPONSIBLE FOR THEIR OPERATING
16 DIVISIONS. WE HAVE AN ASSISTANT SHERIFF WHO HAS NO OTHER
17 RESPONSIBILITY OTHER THAN THE CUSTODY DIVISIONS AND WHO
18 REPORTS DIRECTLY TO THE SHERIFF. I THINK AS SUPERVISOR MOLINA
19 SAID A COUPLE OF SESSIONS AGO, THE DEPARTMENT HAS THE POLICIES
20 IN PLACE; IT'S NOW UP TO MANAGEMENT TO MAKE SURE THAT THOSE
21 POLICIES ARE IMPLEMENTED AND FOLLOWED. AND THAT MANAGEMENT
22 NEEDS THE TOOLS. THEY NEED ADDITIONAL TRAINING, ADDITIONAL
23 SUPERVISION, ADDITIONAL INVESTIGATION OF RESOURCES, FASTER
24 DISCIPLINE SYSTEM, RISK MANAGEMENT AND INTERNAL AUDITS. AND
25 THOSE ARE THE FUNDING REQUESTS THAT HAVE BEEN REQUESTED BY THE



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1 SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT. WITH THAT, I WILL TAKE ANY QUESTIONS
2 THAT MEMBERS OF THE BOARD MAY HAVE.

3

4 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** ALL RIGHT. THANK YOU VERY MUCH.
5 MEMBERS OF THE BOARD, ARE THERE QUESTIONS FOR OUR
6 IMPLEMENTATION MONITOR? SEEING NONE, SHERIFF? ANY COMMENTS
7 THAT YOU WISH TO WEIGH IN WITH AT THIS POINT?

8

9 **SHERIFF LEE BACA:** I JUST WANT TO THANK MR. DROOYAN FOR HIS
10 PERSISTENCE AND VERY, VERY THOROUGH WAY OF WORKING WITH THE
11 SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT. HIS AVAILABILITY, ACCESSIBILITY HAS BEEN
12 SUPERB. AND THE CONSTANT COMMUNICATION HAS RESULTED IN HIS
13 PRESENTATION. I THANK YOU.

14

15 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** ALL RIGHT. ANY OTHER QUESTIONS
16 OR COMMENTS TO THE SHERIFF AT THIS POINT IN TIME BEFORE WE GO
17 TO THOSE MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC WHO WISH TO BE HEARD?

18

19 **SHERIFF LEE BACA:** WE HAVE ANOTHER PRESENTATION, MR. CHAIRMAN.

20

21 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** THE SHERIFF'S PRESENTATION.

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23 **RICHARD E. DROOYAN:** I THINK THE ASSISTANT SHERIFF IS GOING TO
24 MAKE A PRESENTATION.

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1 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** ASSISTANT SHERIFF MCDONALD, IF
2 YOU MAY PROCEED. WE CERTAINLY DIDN'T MEAN TO PREVENT YOU FROM
3 MAKING YOUR PRESENTATION. WOULD YOU WISH TO OPINE ON WHO WAS
4 CORRECT IN TERMS OF INTERPRETATION OF THE JAIL VIOLENCE
5 REPORT? [LAUGHTER.]

6

7 **TERRI MCDONALD:** I WILL DEFER TO THE WISDOM OF M MR. DROOYAN
8 AND THE BOARD. I WILL STICK TO JAILS.

9

10 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** STICKING TO JAILS TODAY.
11 SHERIFF, YOU HAVE AN EXTRA PAIR OF HANDCUFFS WITH YOU. I WANT
12 TO PUT THEM ON BOTH MCDONALD AND DROOYAN AT THIS POINT FOR NOT
13 ANSWERING CORRECTLY. PROCEED.

14

15 **SHERIFF LEE BACA:** THEY HAVE FULL IMMUNITY. [LAUGHTER.]

16

17 **TERRI MCDONALD:** THIS IS AN UPDATE ON THE USE OF FORCE
18 STATISTICS. THIS IS THE SAME ONE THAT WE SHOW EVERY MONTH TO
19 GIVE YOU A SENSE OF HOW THINGS ARE TRENDING. ESSENTIALLY
20 THEY'RE TRENDING STATICALLY. AGAIN, ABOUT 75 PERCENT OF ALL
21 FORCE INCIDENTS ARE CATEGORY 1, WHICH IS GENERALLY NO
22 INJURIES, MOSTLY GUIDING FORCES, NO ALLEGATIONS OF EXCESSIVE
23 FORCE. OVER TIME, OVER THE LAST FIVE YEARS, FORCE IS DOWN AND
24 NEARLY 41 PERCENT. AND THAT'S EVEN MORE REMARKABLE BECAUSE THE
25 POPULATION IS ACTUALLY UP. AND SO PERCENTAGE TO TOTAL IS EVEN



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1 HIGHER THAN 41 PERCENT. AGAIN AS LAST TIME, THE 2013 IS HIGHER
2 THAN THE 2012. AND I AGAIN BELIEVE THAT THAT'S DUE TO
3 INCREASED UNDERSTANDING OF WHAT'S REQUIRED TO BE REPORTED. I
4 SHOULD BE ABLE TO REPORT BACK NEXT MONTH ON A REVIEW, A DEEP
5 DIVE IN SOME OF THOSE CASES SO WE CAN SEE IF THERE'S SOME
6 TRENDS THERE WE SHOULD LEARN FROM. THIS IS THE CATEGORY 1, 2
7 AND 3 BREAKDOWN REPORT THAT WE BRING IN EVERY MONTH. SO WE'VE
8 HAD 403 INCIDENCE SINCE THE FIRST OF THE YEAR. 303 OF THOSE
9 ARE CATEGORY 1. 93 OF THOSE ARE CATEGORY 2 AND THAT
10 ESSENTIALLY MEANS THERE MAY HAVE BEEN AN ALLEGATION OF
11 EXCESSIVE FORCE WHERE SOMEBODY WAS INJURED, AN INMATE WAS
12 INJURED. CATEGORY 3 GENERALLY MEANS THAT WE'VE ASKED INTERNAL
13 AFFAIRS OR I.C.I.B. TO COME OUT TO TAKE A LOOK AT THE
14 INCIDENT. SINCE THE FIRST OF THE YEAR, WE'VE HAD 16 CASES THAT
15 HAVE BEEN FORWARDED FOR INVESTIGATION. WHETHER THAT
16 INVESTIGATION'S BEING MANAGED BY THE CRIMINAL INVESTIGATION
17 DIVISION OR INTERNAL AFFAIRS OR UNIT-LEVEL INVESTIGATIONS. OF
18 THOSE 16, IT'S IMPORTANT TO UNDERSTAND THEY'RE NOT ALL
19 ALLEGATIONS OF EXCESSIVE OR UNNECESSARY FORCE. IT COULD BE A
20 VIOLATION OF A POLICY PRIOR TO OR AFTER THE USE OF FORCE. AND
21 AS THOSE ROLL OUT, AND WE FINISH INVESTIGATIONS, WE'LL
22 ULTIMATELY BE ABLE TO REPORT BACK ON WHAT ARE WE LEARNING FROM
23 THOSE INVESTIGATIONS? ONE OF THE THINGS THAT'S IMPORTANT FOR
24 US TO BE ABLE TO REPORT BACK IN IS HOW ARE WE DOING WITH OUR
25 TIMELINESS IN FINISHING THE UNIT-LEVEL USE OF FORCE REVIEWS?



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1 IT'S IMPORTANT THAT THESE CASES GET REVIEWED BY THE ON-DUTY
2 SERGEANT, THE ON-DUTY LIEUTENANT AND GET FORWARDED OVER TO
3 HEADQUARTERS BUREAU SO WE CAN EITHER DETERMINE WHETHER OR NOT
4 WE WERE IN COMPLIANCE OR WE WERE NOT IN COMPLIANCE AND WHERE
5 TO GO. THE POLICY REQUIRES THAT THE PACKAGES REACH CONCLUSION
6 WITHIN 35 DAYS. YOU CAN SEE BY THIS WE WERE SUCCESSFUL 66
7 PERCENT OF THE TIME. BUT THE OTHER PERCENT OF THE TIME WE WERE
8 NOT SUCCESSFUL. THE AVERAGE AMOUNT OF TIME IT'S TAKEN IS 42.3
9 DAYS. AND, FRANKLY, THE PROBLEM IS REALLY ASSOCIATED WITH
10 SUPERVISORS' TRAINING. MANY OF THE THINGS THAT MR. DROOYAN
11 SPOKE ABOUT. THESE ARE THE KIND OF PERFORMANCE METRICS THAT
12 WE'RE NOT GOING TO BE ABLE TO MEET EXPECTATIONS WITHOUT
13 ADDITIONAL SUPPORT TO DO SO. SO I'M HOPEFUL THAT WE'RE ABLE TO
14 WORK THROUGH MORE SUPERVISORS TO HELP DO PACKAGES, MORE
15 TRAINING. SO THE DEPUTIES ARE DOING A BETTER JOB WITH THEIR
16 REPORTS AND WE'RE NOT DOING A BUNCH OF CLARIFICATION REPORTS,
17 ITEMS LIKE THAT. ONE OF THE THINGS THAT'S IN BOTH MR. BOBB'S
18 REPORT AND THE C.C.J. HAS TO DO WITH ROTATIONS. AND SO WE KIND
19 OF WANTED TO REPORT BACK ON ROTATIONS FROM THE LAST BOARD
20 MEET. WE'RE DOING AN AUDIT OF ALL THE JAILS TO SEE HOW THEY'RE
21 DOING WITH COMPLIANCE WITH ROTATIONS. UNFORTUNATELY, IT'S A
22 MANUAL REVIEW, SO IT'S TAKING LONGER THAN I WOULD LIKE. BUT
23 ESSENTIALLY OF MEN'S CENTRAL JAIL, YOU CAN GO AHEAD, MR.
24 DROOYAN, MEN'S CENTRAL JAIL IS THE FIRST ONE THAT WE COMPLETED
25 AND THEY WERE 97 PERCENT COMPLIANT WITH THE ROTATION POLICY.



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1 WE'RE 100 PERCENT COMPLIANT NOW. AND WHEN WE LOOKED INTO THREE
2 PERCENT NONCOMPLIANCE, THERE WAS JUST REALLY MISUNDERSTANDING
3 OF THE EXPECTATION. AS A REMINDER, NOT ALL EMPLOYEES HAVE TO
4 ROTATE EVERY SIX MONTHS, SOME ARE NOT BECAUSE OF THE
5 COMPLEXITY OF THEIR JOB ASSIGNMENT. WE'RE HOPING TO HAVE ALL
6 THE JAILS' AUDIT COMPLETE BY THE END OF THE YEAR AND WE'LL BE
7 GLAD TO REPORT BACK ON THAT. WE'VE TALKED A LITTLE BIT ABOUT
8 HOW THE VIDEO CAMERA SYSTEM IS DOING. REALLY NO CHANGE HERE IN
9 THE NUMBER OF CAMERAS THAT ARE UP AND RUNNING. WE RUN OVER
10 1,500 CAMERAS IN THE THREE JAILS AT WHICH WE HAVE CAMERAS.
11 WE'RE DOING REALLY WELL IN CAPTURING THE VAST MAJORITY; 88
12 PERCENT OF ALL FORCE INCIDENTS HAVE BEEN CAPTURED BY THE
13 VIDEO CAMERAS. AND AS WE MENTIONED LAST TIME, THE BENEFITS, IT
14 HELPS US WITH TRAINING, BETTER ACCOUNTABILITY. WE CAN CATCH
15 BOTH INMATE AND EMPLOYEE MISCONDUCT. AND WE'RE ACTUALLY ABLE
16 TO DO SOME CRIMINAL CONDUCT INVESTIGATION OF INMATES FROM WHAT
17 WE'VE SEEN FROM THE VIDEOS. SPECIFIC BREAKDOWNS OF THE JAILS,
18 YOU CAN SEE THE TOP CHART IS HOW WE'VE DONE IN CAPTURING FORCE
19 INCIDENTS IN MEN'S CENTRAL JAIL, TWIN TOWERS AND I.R.C. SINCE
20 INCEPTION. AND THEN THE BOTTOM CHART IS HOW WE'VE DONE SINCE
21 JANUARY 1ST. SO YOU CAN SEE WE'RE RANGING ANYWHERE THIS YEAR
22 FROM 84.1 PERCENT AT MEN'S CENTRAL JAIL TO 91 PERCENT AT TWIN
23 TOWERS. WHEN WE ASKED FOR ADDITIONAL CAMERAS, SOME OF THOSE
24 ADDITIONAL CAMERAS WERE REQUESTED TO HELP RESOLVE THESE BLIND
25 SPOT ISSUES WE HAVE. MEN'S CENTRAL JAIL, FOR EXAMPLE, THE



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1 DORMS DON'T HAVE CAMERAS IN THEM. AND THAT'S WHERE A GOOD
2 AMOUNT OF INMATE-ON-INMATE MISCONDUCT OCCURS AND FORCE
3 INCIDENTS OCCUR. HERE'S JUST SOME NOTABLE INCIDENTS THAT THE
4 CAMERAS HAVE HELPED WITH. WE HAD AN ALLEGATION OF FORCE AT
5 MEN'S CENTRAL JAIL. AND SO WE WERE ABLE TO PULL A CAMERA AND
6 LEARN THAT THERE WASN'T A VIOLATION OF USE OF FORCE POLICY
7 ITSELF AS FAR AS THE APPLICATION OF FORCE BUT THERE WAS A
8 VIOLATION OF OTHER POLICIES THAT OPENED AN INVESTIGATION. WE
9 HAD A DORM RIOT AT MEN'S CENTRAL JAIL. AND AS I MENTIONED WE
10 WERE NOT ABLE TO CAPTURE THAT RIOT INSIDE THE JAIL AND IT WAS
11 A SIGNIFICANT EVENT. I WAS ABLE TO WATCH, THOUGH, FROM THE
12 CORRIDOR HOW WE RESPONDED TO THE RIOT. AND IT WAS HELPFUL FOR
13 US TO USE THAT VIDEO TO TALK ABOUT IMPROVING OUR TRAINING
14 TECHNIQUES FOR MASS DISTURBANCE RESPONSE IN THE JAILS. AT TWIN
15 TOWERS WHERE A MENTALLY ILL POPULATION ARE, WE'VE HAD
16 ALLEGATIONS OF FORCE MADE BY OUR OFFENDERS AND WHEN WE PULL
17 THE VIDEO, IT ACTUALLY REFUTES THOSE, AT LEAST FIVE CASES. WE
18 HAD ASKED, YOU GUYS HAD ASKED A COUPLE TIMES AGO HOW WE WERE
19 DOING WITH MAINTENANCE. AS A REMINDER THAT THERE'S TWO
20 ENTITIES WITHIN THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT THAT DEAL WITH THE
21 CAMERAS. FACILITIES SERVICES BUREAU DEALS WITH THE CAMERAS,
22 THE HARDWARE OF THE CAMERAS. AND THE DATA SYSTEMS BUREAU DEALS
23 WITH THE SERVER CAPACITY. SO IN AUGUST WE HAD 14 ISSUES. AS A
24 REMINDER, WE HAVE OVER 1,500 CAMERAS. SO I DON'T THINK THAT
25 THAT'S A SIGNIFICANT NUMBER. BUT WE'LL TRACK IT OVER TIME. AND



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1 THEN EVERY DAY WE'RE UP AND MAKING SURE THAT OUR CAMERAS ARE
2 RUNNING AND IT IS A PRIORITY. IF A CAMERA OR A SERVER GOES
3 DOWN, THAT COMMANDER GUYAVICH IS RESPONSIBLE TO MAKE SURE THEY
4 GET UP. AND IF SHE HAS ANY PROBLEMS, SHE LETS ME KNOW. BUT SO
5 FAR WE'VE BEEN ABLE TO KEEP THE SYSTEMS UP AND RUNNING BASED
6 UPON THE HARD WORK OF BOTH FACILITIES AND DATA SYSTEMS. AND
7 I'M AVAILABLE FOR ANY QUESTIONS THAT YOU MAY HAVE.

8

9 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** ALL RIGHT. THANK YOU VERY MUCH
10 FOR YOUR PRESENTATION, ASSISTANT SHERIFF MCDONALD. MEMBERS OF
11 THE BOARD, ARE THERE QUESTIONS THAT YOU WISH TO POSE?
12 SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH, PLEASE.

13

14 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** BILL, SOME OF THESE PROPOSALS DO REQUIRE
15 FUNDING, AS WAS MENTIONED. AND OUR OFFICES, ALONG WITH THE
16 SHERIFF ARE WORKING WITH YOUR OFFICES TO COME UP WITH THOSE
17 REVENUES. AND THE QUESTION IS: COULD YOU BRIEF US ON THE
18 VENTING THAT'S BEEN GOING ON AND A TIMELINE THAT YOU CAN
19 ACHIEVE IN REACHING THIS GOAL OF IMPLEMENTING THOSE
20 RECOMMENDATIONS THAT THIS BOARD UNANIMOUSLY HAD SUPPORTED?

21

22 **C.E.O. FUJIOKA:** WELL, AS MR. DROOYAN MENTIONED, WE HAVE LOOKED
23 AT THE INITIAL SET OF RECOMMENDATIONS AND SENT FORWARD A
24 PROPOSAL SUBSEQUENT TO THAT. THERE'S A REQUEST FROM BOARD
25 STAFF, THE DEPARTMENT TO LOOK AT THE REQUESTS IN TOTALITY AND



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1 PRIORITIZE EACH ITEM TO IDENTIFY THOSE THAT MUST GO FORWARD
2 RIGHT NOW. AND I BELIEVE WE'RE WAITING FOR THAT PROCESS TO BE
3 COMPLETED. AS MR. DROOYAN ALSO MENTIONED, WE HAVE A NUMBER OF
4 OTHER REQUESTS THAT WE'RE LOOKING AT RIGHT NOW. WE SHOULD HAVE
5 OUR REVIEW DONE WITHIN THE NEXT COUPLE OF WEEKS. AND THEN WE
6 CAN GO THROUGH THE PRIORITIZATION PROCESS.

7

8 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** SO WE'RE ALL ON THE SAME PAGE?

9

10 **C.E.O. FUJIOKA:** THE DEPARTMENT HAS EXPRESSED A NEED TO MOVE
11 FORWARD, ESPECIALLY WITH THE TRAINING, THE SUPERVISION AND THE
12 RISK MANAGEMENT POSITIONS RIGHT NOW. I THINK WITHIN THE NEXT
13 COUPLE OF WEEKS WE CAN COME FORWARD WITH THAT FIRST GROUP OF
14 ITEMS. WE HAVE PLACED MONEY IN THE BUDGET AT THE FINAL STAGE
15 OF THE BUDGET. IT IS OUR INTENT TO RECOMMEND SOME ADDITIONAL
16 FUNDING IN THE SUPPLEMENTAL PHASE OF THE BUDGET THAT WILL BE
17 CONSIDERED ON OCTOBER 8TH.

18

19 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** OKAY. AND YOUR COMMENT?

20

21 **RICHARD E. DROOYAN:** WELL, I THINK THAT THE TRAINING,
22 SUPERVISION AND RISK MANAGEMENT PROBABLY ARE THE TOP PRIORITY
23 IN THE SHORT-TERM. AND I THINK THE RECOMMENDATIONS THAT THE
24 C.E.O. HAS MADE ADDRESS THE SHORT-TERM NEEDS OF THE
25 DEPARTMENT. BUT I ALSO THINK THAT THEY DEFINITELY NEED MORE



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1 RESOURCES IN THE INVESTIGATIONS OF MISCONDUCT, WHETHER IT'S
2 INTERNAL AFFAIRS OR WHETHER IT IS IN THE INTERNAL CRIMINAL.
3 AND I ALSO THINK THEY ARE GOING TO NEED MANY MORE SERGEANTS
4 THAN 25. I THINK EVERYBODY AGREES WITH THAT. AND THEN,
5 FINALLY, AND IT PROBABLY IS THE THING THAT'S GOING THE HAPPEN
6 LAST, BUT I THINK IT'S ALSO, IN THE END, CRITICAL, IS TO HAVE
7 A SYSTEM, IN WHAT THEY'VE CALLED THE INTERNAL INSPECTIONS
8 COMMAND, THAT WOULD DO INTERNAL AUDITS TO INSURE THAT THERE'S
9 COMPLIANCE WITH POLICIES AND PROCEDURES THAT WILL PROVIDE
10 REPORTS IN THE END TO THE INSPECTOR GENERAL OR IF THIS
11 COMMISSION IS ESTABLISHED. THAT INTERNAL AUDIT GROUP IS GOING
12 TO BE A CRITICAL SOURCE OF INFORMATION FOR HOW THE DEPARTMENT
13 IS DOING IN THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE REFORMS AND THE WAY IN
14 WHICH THE DEPARTMENT FOLLOWS ITS POLICIES AND PROCEDURES. AND
15 I HAVE HAD A GREAT DEAL OF EXPERIENCE OVER THE PAST COUPLE
16 YEARS WITH L.A.P.D. AND THE L.A.P.D. HAS AN INTERNAL AUDIT
17 INSPECTION DIVISION THAT COMES BEFORE THE POLICE COMMISSION ON
18 A REGULAR BASIS. AND THE L.A.P.D. REALLY DOES SWEAT THE
19 DETAILS BECAUSE OF THOSE AUDITS. SO I THINK THAT IS SOMETHING
20 I DON'T WANT TO DISMISS. I THINK IT IS A NECESSARY PART OF THE
21 OVERALL REFORM OF THE DEPARTMENT. SO I THINK IMMEDIATELY
22 TRAINING ADDITIONAL SUPERVISION, THE RISK MANAGERS, COMPLIANCE
23 LIEUTENANTS BUT I DON'T WANT TO LOSE SIGHT OF THE FACT THAT
24 THERE IS GOING TO BE A NEED FOR ADDITIONAL SUPERVISORS. THERE
25 IS GOING TO BE A NEED FOR ADDITIONAL INVESTIGATORS. AND



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1 ULTIMATELY THERE'S GOING TO BE A NEED TO SET UP AN INTERNAL
2 AUDIT DEMAND TO INSURE THAT THERE'S COMPLIANCE.

3

4 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** AND THEN IS THAT ON THE SAME PATH, MR.
5 FUJIOKA, THAT WILL BE FORTHCOMING YOU SAID IN TWO WEEKS?

6

7 **C.E.O. FUJIOKA:** YES.

8

9 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** ALONG WITH THE TRAINING?

10

11 **C.E.O. FUJIOKA:** THE INTENT IS TO LOOK AT THE REQUEST AS A
12 TOTAL PACKAGE, LOOK AT THE DEPARTMENT AS IMPLEMENTATION. WHAT
13 MR. DROOYAN IS REFERRING TO IS AN EARLIER RECOMMENDATION TO
14 MOVE FORWARD WITH THE POSITIONS THAT WOULD BE RESPONSIBLE FOR
15 THE ADDITIONAL CUSTODY-SPECIFIC TRAINING, RISK MANAGEMENT AND
16 I BELIEVE THERE'S 25 SERGEANTS TO INCREASE THE NUMBER OF
17 SUPERVISORS IN THE JAILS. THAT REQUEST, WE'VE ALREADY
18 SUBMITTED THE RECOMMENDATION SUPPORTING THAT REQUEST AND WE'RE
19 LOOKING AT THE FINAL RECOMMENDATIONS NOW WITH THE INTENT OF
20 BRINGING EVERYTHING FORWARD TO YOU. BUT THERE WAS A REQUEST
21 FOR THE DEPARTMENT TO LOOK AT THEM AND TO PRIORITIZE THEM. I
22 THINK IF YOU ASKED THE -- WELL, YOU COULD ASK THE DEPARTMENT
23 THAT QUESTION, BUT I BELIEVE THEY FEEL STRONGLY ABOUT AT LEAST
24 THE FIRST GROUP AND OTHER POSITIONS THAT HAVE BEEN RECOMMENDED
25 BY OUR CONSULTANTS AND MR. DROOYAN.



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2 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** BUT WE'RE ON TARGET GETTING THE CONCERNS THAT
3 ARE BEING RAISED RIGHT HERE WITH THE THREE OF YOU. IN TWO
4 WEEKS WE'LL COME BACK BEFORE THIS BOARD FOR ADDITIONAL ACTION.

5

6 **C.E.O. FUJIOKA:** WE COULD DO THAT.

7

8 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** YES.

9

10 **RICHARD E. DROOYAN:** SINCE THE ASSISTANT SHERIFF CAME ON BOARD,
11 I'VE BEEN WORKING PRETTY CLOSELY WITH THE DEPARTMENT. AND THE
12 CONSULTANTS TO ASSESS EACH OF THE DEPARTMENT'S FUNDING
13 REQUESTS. AND WE'VE GONE BACK AND FORTH WITH THE DEPARTMENT ON
14 THEIR FUNDING REQUESTS. AND ASKED FOR FURTHER SUPPORT, FOR THE
15 JUSTIFICATION, UNTIL WE FELT COMFORTABLE WITH THEIR REQUESTS,
16 AT WHICH POINT WE THEN FORWARDED THAT TO THE C.E.O.'S OFFICE.
17 AT THIS POINT IN TIME, EACH OF THOSE FUNDING REQUESTS, I'VE
18 REVIEWED IT, BUT MORE IMPORTANTLY THE CONSULTANTS HAVE
19 REVIEWED IT. AND THEY'RE THE EXPERTS RETAINED BY THIS BOARD.
20 AND SO IN TERMS OF WHAT THE CONSULTANTS AND I BELIEVE ARE
21 JUSTIFIED, THAT HAS NOW BEEN FORWARDED TO THE C.E.O.'S OFFICE.
22 SEVERAL OF THOSE HAVE BEEN FORWARDED ON TO THE BOARD WITH
23 RESPECT TO SPECIFICALLY CUSTODY TRAINING, SUPERVISION AND RISK
24 MANAGEMENT. AND I APPRECIATE THE NEED TO SORT OF LOOK AT
25 EVERYTHING AS A WHOLE AND ULTIMATELY DETERMINE WHAT THE



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1 DEPARTMENT IS GOING TO NEED. BUT I ALSO THINK THERE'S NO
2 DISPUTE THAT THEY NEED MORE TRAINING PERSONNEL. THEY NEED MORE
3 SUPERVISORS. THEY NEED RISK MANAGERS. AND THEY NEED THEM RIGHT
4 NOW. I WOULD HOPE THAT THE BOARD WOULD AT LEAST ACT ON THOSE
5 RECOMMENDATIONS ON THE C.E.O. IN THE SHORT-TERM WHILE THE
6 C.E.O. IS REVIEWING THE REMAINING REQUESTS THAT THE DEPARTMENT
7 HAS MADE FOR FUNDING IN THE OTHER AREAS.

8

9 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** AND THAT WILL BE FORTHCOMING AND LIKE YOU
10 SAID IN TWO WEEKS FOR BOARD ACTION.

11

12 **C.E.O. FUJIOKA:** YES. WHAT MR. DROOYAN IS MENTIONING IS OUR
13 INITIAL RECOMMENDATION, TO FILL 64 POSITIONS, THEY DO ADDRESS
14 SOME OF THE MOST CRITICAL NEEDS. BUT WE'LL BE READY IN A
15 COUPLE OF WEEKS TO SEND FORWARD EVERYTHING THAT'S BEEN
16 SUBMITTED TO US. BUT HE IS -- AND I THINK THE DEPARTMENT WILL
17 SAY THAT THE FIRST GROUP OF 64, THEY WOULD LIKE THAT TO GO
18 FORWARD RIGHT NOW.

19

20 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** WASN'T THE MONEY SET ASIDE IN THE BUDGET?

21

22 **C.E.O. FUJIOKA:** YES, THE MONEY WAS SET ASIDE, IT IS CURRENTLY
23 IN THE BUDGET.

24

25 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** THAT WAS WHEN? IN JUNE OR APRIL?



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2 **C.E.O. FUJIOKA:** YES -- WELL --

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4 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** IT WAS IN THE ORIGINAL BUDGET?

5

6 **C.E.O. FUJIOKA:** IT WAS IN THE ORIGINAL BUDGET SO WE HAVE THE
7 64. WE SET ASIDE-

8

9 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** IT'S BEEN SIX MONTHS. WHAT ARE WE WAITING
10 FOR?

11

12 **C.E.O. FUJIOKA:** WELL WE SUBMITTED OUR REPORT SOMETIME AGO. AND
13 THE REQUEST WE GOT FROM STAFF WAS THAT THEY WANTED TO SEE THE
14 ENTIRE REQUEST AS A WHOLE.

15

16 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** FROM WHAT STAFF?

17

18 **C.E.O. FUJIOKA:** THE BOARD STAFF, THE ENTIRE REQUEST AS A
19 WHOLE. AND THEY'VE ALSO ASKED THE DEPARTMENT TO PRIORITIZE
20 REQUESTS, RECOGNIZING THAT IF EVERYTHING WAS TO GO FORWARD, I
21 THINK THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT'S FIRST REQUEST TOTALED ABOUT
22 88 MILLION DOLLARS. IT HAS SINCE BEEN REVISED TO ABOUT 58
23 MILLION DOLLARS.

24



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1 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** RIGHT. BUT THAT'S A DIFFERENT ISSUE. IF THEY
2 WERE ASKED THIS IS WHAT MR. DROOYAN WAS SAYING, IT IS MY
3 UNDERSTANDING, TOO, THAT IF THEY WERE ASKED TO PRIORITIZE,
4 THIS WOULD BE AT THE TOP OF THE LIST; IS THAT CORRECT?

5

6 **RICHARD E. DROOYAN:** YES.

7

8 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** TRAINING?

9

10 **RICHARD E. DROOYAN:** TRAINING AND SOME ADDITIONAL SUPERVISORS
11 AND THE RISK MANAGERS.

12

13 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** SO REGARDLESS OF WHAT OTHER ISSUES THERE ARE
14 OUT THERE, THIS NO MATTER IN WHAT ITERATION, THIS WOULD BE THE
15 NUMBER ONE PRIORITY.

16

17 **TERRI MCDONALD:** IT ESSENTIALLY STOPS THE BLEEDING, TO USE A
18 VERY POOR TERM. WITHOUT SUPERVISORS AND TRAINING AND MANAGERS
19 TO GO IN THERE AND DEAL WITH ISSUES ON A WEEKLY BASIS,
20 SOMETHING'S OCCURRING THAT I THINK REALLY WE CAN STEM THE TIDE
21 OF THAT WITH THOSE FOLKS. I DO AGREE WITH MR. DROOYAN, THOUGH,
22 THAT DOESN'T MITIGATE THE NEED FOR INSPECTIONAL COMMAND,
23 INTERNAL AFFAIRS, I.C.I.B. WE SUBMITTED A SECONDARY REPORT
24 THAT TOOK ALL OF THOSE DIFFERENT CATEGORIES AND THEN SPREAD
25 THEM OVER TIME AND THEN WORKING WITH THEM TO FUND OVER VARIOUS



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1 FISCAL YEARS. SO MY HOPE WOULD BE THAT WE GO AHEAD AND MOVE
2 FORWARD WITH THE SERGEANTS, THE TRAINING AND LIEUTENANTS SO WE
3 COULD BEGIN TO DEVELOP AND WORK ON INSPECTIONAL COMMAND AND
4 INTERNAL AFFAIRS AND IT ISSUES AND ADDITIONAL SUPERVISORS.

5

6 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** WHEN WE APPROVE THAT IN THE BUDGET APRIL,
7 JUNE TIME FRAME --

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9 **C.E.O. FUJIOKA:** SIR, WHAT WE DID IS PUT A DOLLAR AMOUNT IN THE
10 BUDGET.

11

12 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** WE DIDN'T APPROVE BUT WE PUT THE MONEY IN THE
13 BUDGET? BUT DIDN'T APPROVE WITH THEM TO GO FORWARD WITH THE
14 HIRING OF THOSE INDIVIDUALS?

15

16 **C.E.O. FUJIOKA:** YES. WE PUT A DOLLAR AMOUNT IN THE BUDGET. AND
17 WITH THE INSTRUCTIONS FOR THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT, WORKING
18 WITH MR. DROOYAN, THE CONSULTANT, TO SUBMIT THE ACTUAL DETAIL.
19 AND THEN OUR JOB IS TO COME BACK TO YOU WITH A RECOMMENDATION
20 OF WHAT I SHOULD MOVE FORWARD.

21

22 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** OKAY. AND THEN ON THE SIDE, EVEN THOUGH A
23 PERSON MAY HAVE BEEN RETIRED, HE CAN STILL BE HELD ACCOUNTABLE
24 FOR ACTIONS THAT THEY COMMITTED?

25



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1 **RICHARD E. DROOYAN:** I DON'T THINK THE DEPARTMENT CAN
2 DISCIPLINE SOMEBODY WHO HAS RETIRED FROM THE DEPARTMENT.

3

4 **JOHN KRATTLI, COUNSEL:** I WOULD AGREE WITH THE COMMENT MR.
5 DROOYAN JUST MADE. CERTAINLY WITH RESPECT TO THE CRIMINAL
6 INVESTIGATION, CERTAINLY CRIMINAL INVESTIGATIONS COULD
7 CONTINUE WITH ANY RESULTING CRIMINAL MATTERS. BUT WITH RESPECT
8 TO ADMINISTRATIVE ACTIONS, ONCE AN EMPLOYEE HAS RESIGNED,
9 RETIRED, THEN THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT NO LONGER HAS THE
10 ABILITY TO SUSPEND OR --

11

12 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** RIGHT. BUT THE COURTS DO HAVE THAT AUTHORITY?

13

14 **JOHN KRATTLI:** THE COURTS CERTAINLY HAVE THE ABILITY TO
15 CONTINUE WITH RESPECT TO ANY CRIMINAL MATTERS.

16

17 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** SO WHAT WILL BE FORTHCOMING FROM THE GRAND
18 JURY COULD INCLUDE PEOPLE WHO HAVE RETIRED. JUST BECAUSE THEY
19 HAVE RETIRED IS NOT GOING TO EXCUSE THEM FROM ANY ACTIONS IF
20 THEY WERE ILLEGAL AT THE TIME THEY COMMITTED THOSE ACTIONS?

21

22 **JOHN KRATTLI:** THAT'S CORRECT.

23

24 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** THANK YOU, MR. CHAIRMAN.

25



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1 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH, SUPERVISOR
2 ANTONOVICH. ARE THERE ANY OTHER QUESTIONS OR COMMENTS AT THIS
3 POINT FOR THE MONITOR AND/OR THE SHERIFF OR THE ASSISTANT
4 SHERIFF ON THE REPORTS THAT WE'VE HEARD UNDER S-1? ALL RIGHT.
5 THANK YOU.

6

7 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** ONE QUESTION ON THE TIMING. WHEN YOU SAY YOU
8 WANT -- IS OCTOBER 8, ON THE EXPENDITURE OF THESE MONIES, THE
9 ALLOCATION OF THESE MONIES TO THESE TRAINING POSITIONS AND THE
10 OTHER TOP PRIORITY POSITIONS, WERE YOU ASKING US TO TRY TO
11 APPROVE THAT TODAY? OR IS OCTOBER 8TH, WHICH IS WHEN WE'RE
12 CONSIDERING THE YEAR-END BUDGET.

13

14 **RICHARD E. DROOYAN:** I'M NOT FAMILIAR WITH THE COUNTY
15 PROCEDURES.

16

17 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** NEITHER ARE WE. [LAUGHTER.]

18

19 **RICHARD E. DROOYAN:** I'M NOT SPECIFICALLY ASKING THE BOARD TO
20 DO ANYTHING AT THIS PARTICULAR POINT IN TIME. I THINK IT IS
21 IMPERATIVE THAT WE GET MOVING ON THESE FUNDING REQUESTS SO
22 THAT THE DEPARTMENT CAN SET UP THE TRAINING BUREAU, AND CAN
23 ADDRESS THESE ISSUES IN THE SHORT-TERM WHILE LOOKING AT THE
24 REMAINING IN THE LONG TERM.

25



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1 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** HOW MUCH OF THE 10 MILLION THAT WAS SET
2 ASIDE GOES TO THESE PARTICULAR ITEMS? DO WE HAVE A COST FIGURE
3 ON THAT?

4

5 **C.E.O. FUJIOKA:** ACTUALLY THE 10 MILLION WAS FOR NINE MONTHS
6 FUNDING, ASSUMING WE WOULD APPROVE IT IN OCTOBER. SO FOR THE
7 FULL 64 POSITIONS. JUST TO BE CANDID, WHEN WE GO THROUGH THIS
8 PROCESS, I WILL STILL RECOMMEND THE 64 POSITIONS. I THINK
9 THOSE THAT IN OUR INITIAL REPORT DO REPRESENT PRIORITIES FOR
10 THE DEPARTMENT. THE NEXT WOULD BE THE INSPECTION AUDIT FOLKS
11 THAT MR. DROOYAN HAD RECOMMENDED. BUT SENDING THEM FORWARD NOW
12 OR SOON, AT THE LATEST ON OCTOBER 8TH WE DEAL WITH
13 SUPPLEMENTAL IS SOMETHING I'D FULLY SUPPORT.

14

15 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** ALL RIGHT. IT WAS MY
16 UNDERSTANDING THAT THE C.E.O.'S OFFICE HAD BEEN INSTRUCTED TO
17 LOOK AT THE TOTALITY OF THE RECOMMENDATIONS THAT HAD BEEN MADE
18 BY THE JAIL VIOLENCE REPORT AND THEN CALLED BY THE
19 IMPLEMENTATIONS MONITOR TO COME BACK TO THE BOARD TO SAY THIS
20 IS WHAT WE THINK WOULD BE AN APPROPRIATE ALLOCATION FOR
21 FUNDING OR EXPANSION OF PERSONNEL AND THE LIKE. I DO NOT HEAR
22 THE C.E.O. SAYING THAT REPORT IS YET COMPLETED; IS THAT
23 CORRECT?

24

25 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** I THINK THAT'S WHAT HE JUST --



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2 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** I'M TRYING TO ASK. IS THERE NOT
3 MORE?

4

5 **C.E.O. FUJIOKA:** YES, YOU'RE RIGHT. THERE ARE ADDITIONAL
6 POSITIONS THAT HAVE BEEN SUBMITTED TO US. I THINK THE CONCERN
7 FROM YOUR STAFF WAS INSTEAD OF SENDING IT FORWARD PIECEMEAL,
8 LOOK AT THE ENTIRE PACKAGE. I JUST MENTIONED THAT I'M
9 CONFIDENT THAT IF WE DO MOVE FORWARD, THAT THE 64 POSITIONS
10 THAT WE'RE DISCUSSING TODAY WILL BE PART OF THAT GROUP.

11

12 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** I THINK WE NEED TO PIN IT DOWN
13 FURTHER. WHEN WILL YOU BE READY TO GIVE THE BOARD THE FULL
14 LOOK SO THAT WE CAN EVALUATE THESE CONSIDERATIONS IN THEIR
15 TOTALITY, MR. FUJIOKA?

16

17 **C.E.O. FUJIOKA:** I BELIEVE THE INTENT IS TO DO IT ON THE SAME
18 DAY WE APPROVE OUR SUPPLEMENTAL BUDGET, WHICH WOULD BE OCTOBER
19 8TH.

20

21 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** AND SO, MEMBERS OF THE BOARD, IT
22 WOULD SEEM TO ME THAT WE SHOULD LOOK AT ALL OF IT RATHER THAN
23 LOOKING AT IT IN A COMPARTMENTALIZED WAY. THAT'S THREE WEEKS
24 OUT. I THINK THAT WOULD BE CONSISTENT WITH A MORE PRUDENT WAY
25 OF ALLOCATING RESOURCES. IS THERE ANY OBJECTION TO THAT? THEN



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1 WE'LL PROCEED IN THAT MANNER. THANK YOU TO THE THREE OF YOU.
2 AND WE'LL GO TO THOSE WHO WISH TO BE HEARD BY WAY OF REQUESTS
3 FROM THE PUBLIC. MAY I SAY TO YOU THAT THERE ARE FIVE ITEMS,
4 SET ITEMS. AND THERE ARE APPROXIMATELY 60 MEMBERS OF THE
5 PUBLIC WHO WISH TO BE HEARD. WE'RE GOING TO ASK THAT YOU
6 GOVERN YOURSELVES ACCORDINGLY IN TERMS OF THE DISCUSSION. THAT
7 DOES NOT INCLUDE THE PRESENTATIONS THAT YET COME FROM THE
8 STAFF. SO WHEN YOU COME UP, CAN YOU COME UP AS QUICKLY AS YOU
9 CAN. IT IS YOUR OPPORTUNITY TO BE HEARD. THERE IS
10 APPROXIMATELY 60 PEOPLE ON FIVE OF THESE ITEMS. AND I WILL ASK
11 YOU TO RESPECT THAT. JASMINE WADE, PAUL DUMONT, BRANDON
12 ELLIOTT, ANYBODY WHO WISHES TO WAIVE, YOU CERTAINLY ARE
13 ENTITLED TO DO SO? SANDRA NEAL, ARE THOSE PERSONS HERE? PLEASE
14 COME FORWARD. MARK-ANTHONY JOHNSON. COURTNEY BRAYTON.
15 SERGEANT, LET THEM IN. BILAL ALI, WOULD ALL THOSE PERSONS COME
16 FORWARD? THERE ARE QUITE A NUMBER OF PEOPLE WHO DO WISH TO BE
17 HEARD. SO WE'RE GOING TO HAVE TO ASK YOU TO BE GOVERNED
18 ACCORDINGLY. ALL RIGHT. YOUR NAME?

19

20 **BRANDON ELLIOTT:** MY NAME IS BRANDON ALEJANDRO ELLIOTT. I AM A
21 FORMERLY INCARCERATED HUMAN BEING. I BELIEVE THERE NEEDS TO BE
22 A COMMUNITY-LED BOARD THAT OVERSEES THE SHERIFFS. I WOULD ALSO
23 LIKE TO SAY THE CITIZENS' OVERSIGHT COMMISSION NEEDS TO HAVE
24 SUBPOENA POWER. IT NEEDS TO HAVE NO MORE THAN ONE MEMBER OF
25 LAW ENFORCEMENT. AND IT MUST BE COMPRISED OF THE COMMUNITY.



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1 SUPERVISOR KNABE, YOU ARE THE SUPERVISOR OF MY DISTRICT. AND
2 WHEN THIS VOTE COMES UP, I DEEPLY BELIEVE YOU SHOULD VOTE YES
3 ON MARK RIDLEY-THOMAS' AND GLORIA MOLINA'S MOTION FOR A
4 CITIZENS' OVERSIGHT COMMISSION. AND I KNOW HISTORICALLY YOU
5 THINK THE IDEA OF A CITIZENS' OVERSIGHT IS PREMATURE, BUT I
6 WANT TO ENCOURAGE YOU TO VOTE YES BECAUSE THIS TYPE OF
7 OVERSIGHT IS LONG OVERDUE AND THIS IS THE TYPE OF OVERSIGHT
8 BODY THAT CAN WORK CLOSELY WITH THE COMMUNITY AND THE OFFICE
9 OF INSPECTOR GENERAL. BY DOING THIS, A SAFER L.A. WILL BE
10 REALIZED. AND PLEASE HEAR ME. THIS ISN'T ABOUT DEHUMANIZING
11 SHERIFFS. IT'S ABOUT GETTING OUR HUMANITY RECOGNIZED. I WANT
12 THE BEST FOR EVERYBODY. AND THE CITIZENS' OVERSIGHT COMMISSION
13 WILL DO THAT. IT'S REALLY THAT SIMPLE. THANK YOU.

14

15 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** WE THANK YOU FOR YOUR TESTIMONY.

16

17 **BRANDON ELLIOTT:** THANK YOU, SIR. THANK YOU, EVERYBODY.

18 (GAVEL) .

19

20 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** ALL RIGHT. MA'AM. YOUR NAME?

21

22 **JASMINE WADE:** HELLO MY NAME THE JAZZ WADE AND I'M AN ORGANIZER
23 WITH THE COALITION TO END SHERIFF VIOLENCE IN L.A. JAILS. I
24 FIRST WANT TO THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR MARK RIDLEY-THOMAS AND
25 GLORIA MOLINA FOR YOUR MOTION THAT YOU PUT FORWARD IN SUPPORT



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1 OF THE CITIZENS' REVIEW BOARD. THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT IS
2 RESPONSIBLE FOR DECADES-LONG VIOLENCE AND IT IS CERTAINLY A
3 STEP IN THE RIGHT DIRECTION IN ESTABLISHING A PERMANENT
4 CITIZENS' COMMISSION. THERE IS CERTAIN ASPECTS THAT WILL MAKE
5 THIS COMMISSION EFFECTIVE IN HOLDING L.A. SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT
6 ACCOUNTABLE. AND WE BELIEVE THAT IT'S NECESSARY. WE BELIEVE A
7 CITIZENS' REVIEW BOARD MUST HAVE INVESTIGATIVE POWER OVER THE
8 SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT. THE BODY SHOULD BE INDEPENDENT OF THE
9 SHERIFFS AND HOLD FULL SUBPOENA CAPACITY. THIS BODY NEEDS TO
10 BE MADE UP OF COMMUNITY MEMBERS, BEING FORMED BY THE
11 COMMUNITY. THESE ASPECTS ENSURE THAT THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT
12 IS HELD ACCOUNTABLE FOR THE YEARS OF BROKEN RIBS, BROKEN JAWS,
13 STITCHES, HEAD BLOWS THAT OUR FAMILY MEMBERS AND COMMUNITY
14 MEMBERS HAVE EXPERIENCED. IT SHOULD BE RECOGNIZED THAT HAD A
15 BADGE DOES NOT MEAN THAT ANYONE IS ABOVE THE LAW. AND THE
16 FOLKS INSIDE ARE OUR FRIENDS, OUR FAMILY MEMBERS. AND THIS
17 ABUSE MEANS TRAUMA FOR THEM AS WELL AS OUR ENTIRE COMMUNITIES.
18 IT IS TIME THAT THE L.A. SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT IS HELD
19 ACCOUNTABLE FOR THIS EXTREME BRUTALITY THAT REMAINS ONGOING. I
20 URGE ALL OF YOU TO VOTE YES IN SUPPORT OF THE CITIZENS' REVIEW
21 BOARD AND ENSURE LONG-STANDING CHANGE THROUGH AN INDEPENDENT
22 COMMUNITY-BASED REVIEW BOARD WITH FULL OVERSIGHT CAPACITY.
23 THANK YOU.
24



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1 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU FOR YOUR TESTIMONY.

2 WE'LL TAKE THE NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

3

4 **SANDRA NEAL:** HELLO. MY NAME IS SANDRA NEAL. I AM A REGISTERED

5 NURSE. AND I TEACH ALLIED HEALTH IN THE EAST L.A. COMMUNITY.

6 I'M A RESIDENT OF THE EAST L.A. COMMUNITY FOR OVER 40 YEARS.

7 I'M A MEMBER OF THE COALITION TO END SHERIFF VIOLENCE IN L.A.

8 JAILS AND MOST IMPORTANTLY I'M A MOTHER OF FIVE CHILDREN. AND

9 I'M HERE TO SPEAK OF ONE OF THEM. IT WAS NEARLY A YEAR AGO

10 THAT I SPOKE OUT FOR THE FIRST TIME ABOUT THE ASSAULT ON MY

11 SON WHILE HE WAS BRIEFLY HELD AT THE INMATE RECEPTION CENTER

12 AT L.A. COUNTY JAIL. HE WAS BEATEN BY FOUR DEPUTIES, PEPPER

13 SPRAYED. HIS TEETH WERE FRACTURED. HE HAD BROKEN RIBS, A

14 COLLAPSED LUNG, WHICH REQUIRED A CHEST TUBE AND HE WAS

15 HEMORRHAGING INTERNALLY. HE WAS DENIED MEDICAL ATTENTION WHILE

16 DEPUTIES TRIED TO COERCE A VIDEOTAPED CONFESSION OUT OF HIM.

17 HAD A CIVILIAN OVERSIGHT COMMISSION EXISTED DURING THAT TIME

18 THAT MY SON WAS INSIDE, A COMMISSION WITH THE ABILITY TO TAKE

19 COMPLAINTS DIRECTLY, A COMMISSION WITH INDEPENDENT

20 INVESTIGATIVE POWER, A COMMISSION WITH THE ABILITY TO SUBPOENA

21 RECORDS, IT COULD HAVE INTERVENED ON BEHALF OF OUR FAMILY,

22 PROVIDED A MEANS OF INVESTIGATION WITHOUT THE RETRAUMATIZING

23 PROCESS OF LITIGATION.

24

25 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** MA'AM? YOUR TIME HAS EXPIRED.



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2 **SANDRA NEAL:** OKAY. THANK YOU. I URGE FOR A VOTE WHEN THE TIME
3 COMES TO VOTE YES, PLEASE. AND I THANK YOU PERSONALLY FOR YOUR
4 SUPPORT, SUPERVISOR MOLINA. GOD BLESS YOU AND THANK YOU FOR
5 YOUR SUPPORT.

6

7 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** AND YOU CAN TURN OVER YOUR
8 TESTIMONY TO THE SERGEANT IF YOU LIKE, THE WRITTEN ONE. IF
9 YOU'D LIKE TO TURN YOUR TESTIMONY IN FOR THE RECORD, YOU MAY
10 DO SO. ALL RIGHT? NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

11

12 **COURTNEY BRAYTON:** MY NAME IS COURTNEY BRAYTON AND I'D LIKE TO
13 ENCOURAGE SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH, I AM IN YOUR DISTRICT, AND I
14 WOULD APPRECIATE YOU IN THREE WEEKS WHEN THIS VOTE IS UP FOR
15 THE CITIZEN OVERSIGHT COMMISSION TO CONSIDER A YES VOTE. MY
16 HUSBAND WAS ARRESTED AUGUST 3RD OF 2011. AND HE HAS BEEN
17 SUFFERING EVER SINCE. SEVERE P.T.S.D. AND HE CAN NO LONGER
18 WORK. HE HAS NIGHTMARES, PANIC ATTACKS. AND WE OWN OUR OWN
19 BUSINESS. OUR FAMILY HAS BEEN ADVERSELY AFFECTED. HE WAS
20 ARRESTED IN SANTA CLARITA. AND HE WAS NOT ABLE TO BE BOOKED IN
21 THE SANTA CLARITA JAIL BECAUSE THEY DID NOT HAVE HOT WATER. HE
22 WAS TAKEN TO TWIN TOWERS. HE WAS ARRAIGNED. THE JUDGE SAID HE
23 COULD GO ON HIS OWN RECOGNIZANCE. HE WAS TAKEN BACK TO TWIN
24 TOWERS. HE PASSED OUT. HE ASKED FOR A DOCTOR. AND HE WAS TOLD
25 TO FOLLOW THE COLORED LINES IN THE JAIL. HE HAD TO CRAWL MOST



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1 OF THE WAY. HE COULD NOT WALK. HE HAD TO CRAWL FOR FIVE HOURS.
2 HE REPEATEDLY ASKED FOR A DOCTOR. AND HE WAS THROWN INTO A
3 JAIL THAT WAS COVERED WITH FECES AND URINE AND WAS THERE
4 TAUNTED BY THE DEPUTIES AND HE ASKED AGAIN FOR A DOCTOR.

5

6 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** MA'AM?

7

8 **COURTNEY BRAYTON:** I PLEASE ASK A YES VOTE.

9

10 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

11

12 **MARK-ANTHONY JOHNSON:** GOOD MORNING. MY NAME IS MARK-ANTHONY
13 JOHNSON. I'M WITH THE COALITION TO END SHERIFF VIOLENCE IN LOS
14 ANGELES COUNTY JAILS. I WANT TO THANK SUPERVISOR THOMAS AND
15 SUPERVISOR MOLINA FOR THEIR LEADERSHIP IN LOOKING AT AN IDEA
16 OF A CITIZENS' OVERSIGHT COMMISSION IN THE WAKE OF THESE
17 RECOMMENDATIONS BY THE C.C.J.V. I WANTED TO RESPOND TO SOME OF
18 THE QUESTIONS RAISED BY SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY AROUND IF BOARD
19 OF SUPERVISORS BEING A BODY THAT'S GOING TO GOVERN AND KEEP
20 THE SPOTLIGHT ON THE JAIL VIOLENCE. I THINK IN THE C.C.J.V.
21 REPORT IT SAYS THAT A SEPARATE CITIZENS' OVERSIGHT COMMISSION
22 ISN'T NECESSARY IF THIS BOARD IS ENGAGED IN KEEPING THE
23 SPOTLIGHT ON THE JAILS. AND YOU HAVE TWO MEMBERS OF YOUR BOARD
24 STRESSING A DEFICIENCY IN CAPACITY, EMPHASIZING THAT THEY'RE
25 HAVING A STRESSED ENDURANCE IN TERMS OF BEING ABLE TO MAINTAIN



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1 THAT LEVEL OF SPOTLIGHT. AND SO WE'RE ASKING YOU TO REALLY
2 TAKE A LOOK AT THIS IDEA OF CIVILIAN OVERSIGHT. TAKE IT VERY
3 SERIOUSLY WHEN IT COMES UP IN A FEW WEEKS. THANK YOU.

4

5 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** WE THANK YOU FOR YOUR TESTIMONY.
6 WE'LL TAKE THE NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

7

8 **BILAL ALI:** GOOD AFTERNOON, SUPERVISORS. I'M BILAL ALI,, I'M AN
9 ORGANIZER WITH THE LOS ANGELES COMMUNITY ACTION NETWORK. I
10 APPLAUD AND COMMEND SUPERVISORS THOMAS AND MOLINA, WANTING TO
11 CREATE THIS CITIZEN OVERSIGHT BOARD AS IT IS PAST DUE. AFTER
12 MANY, MANY YEARS OF RACIST AND BRUTAL TYRANNY OF THE LOS
13 ANGELES COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT, IT IS OVERDUE. THIRTY-
14 SEVEN MILLION DOLLARS CAN GO INTO LOW AFFORDABLE HOUSING BE,
15 IT CAN GO INTO HEALTHCARE, IT CAN GO INTO IMPROVING OUR
16 SCHOOLS. IT DOES NOT NEED TO BE GOING IN LITIGATION. ME PAYING
17 MY TAX MONEY TO CONTINUE THIS BRUTALITY OF THE SHERIFF'S
18 DEPARTMENT. ZEV YAROSLAVSKY, SUPERVISOR KNABE, I UNDERSTAND
19 YOUR PERSPECTIVE BECAUSE YOU COME FROM A PERSPECTIVE WITH THE
20 PRIVILEGE OF PROTECTION, CONNECTION AND COMPLEXION, WHERE
21 THESE TWO SUPERVISORS COME FROM THE PERSPECTIVE OF PEOPLE OF
22 COLOR WE'VE HAD A LONG HISTORY OF BRUTALITY AND RACISM AT THE
23 HANDS OF THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT. I COMMEND YOU AGAIN,
24 SUPERVISORS. WE WANT TO SEE A BOARD. BUT THE CITIZENS'
25 OVERSIGHT COMMISSION SHOULD HAVE THE POWER TO FIRE, SUBPOENA



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1 AND DISCIPLINE RACIST, BRUTAL OFFICERS FROM THE LOS ANGELES
2 SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT.

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4 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** SIR, ALL RIGHT YOUR TIME HAS
5 EXPIRED. [APPLAUSE.] NOW LET ME SAY SOMETHING. WAS THERE
6 SOMETHING UNCLEAR ABOUT MY REQUEST? JUST SIMPLY RAISE THE
7 ROOF. THANK YOU VERY KINDLY. PAUL DUMONT, BRANDON ELLIOTT,
8 COURTNEY BRAYTON HAS SPOKEN. SHEILA PINKEL, IF YOU WOULD COME
9 FORWARD. DIANA ZUNIGA, HAEWON ASFAW, TAINA VARGAS-EDMUND.
10 ARNOLD SACHS. ERIC PREVEN. PATRICIA RUSSELL. THANK YOU FOR
11 BEING HERE. WE WILL NOW TAKE YOUR TESTIMONY. MA'AM YOU MAY
12 PROCEED.

13

14 **SHEILA PINKEL:** MY NAME IS SHELIA PINKEL. FROM L.A. NO MORE
15 JAILS. THANK YOU FOR ALLOWING US TO SPEAK TODAY. ACCORDING TO
16 THE SHERIFF'S REPORT ON C.C.J.V. RECOMMENDATIONS OVERSIGHT IN
17 L.A. JAILS WILL BE IMPROVED IF MILLIONS MORE DOLLARS WILL BE
18 SPENT ON MORE PERSONNEL, MORE TECHNOLOGY, MORE COMPUTERIZED
19 REPORTING SYSTEMS, AND MORE AND MORE AND MORE COSTING OVER 89
20 MILLION ADDITIONAL TAXPAYERS' DOLLARS. WHAT IS MISSING FROM
21 BOTH THIS REPORT AND THE RECOMMENDATION BY SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-
22 THOMAS AND MOLINA FOR THE L.A. COUNTY SHERIFF'S OVERSIGHT
23 COMMISSION IS TEETH. A CLEAR PROCESS FOR THE PROSECUTION OF
24 GUARDS AND OTHER PERSONNEL WHO VIOLATE INMATES AND LIE ABOUT
25 IT. WHILE THE SHERIFF RECOMMENDS M7 PRISONERS SERVE 100



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1 PERCENT OF THEIR TIME, NO SUCH PROSECUTORIAL INTENT IS
2 INDICATED FOR GUARDS WHO COMMIT MURDER OR AGGRAVATED ASSAULT
3 AGAINST INMATES. THE PUBLIC IS SICK AND TIRED OF PAYING FOR
4 MORE EXPENSES RELATED TO INCARCERATIONS, ESPECIALLY WHEN THOSE
5 EXPENSES RESULT IN NO REAL PROCESS TO HOLD GUARDS AND OTHER
6 JAIL PERSONNEL TO THE SAME PROSECUTORIAL STANDARDS AS PEOPLE
7 IN CIVIL SOCIETY. IF THERE IS NO TEETH IN THE PROPOSALS
8 MENTIONED ABOVE, THEN THE 89 MILLION DOLLARS BEING REQUESTED
9 SHOULD BE SPENT ON COMMUNITY-BASED PROGRAMS.

10

11 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. AND YOU'RE
12 FREE TO TURN YOUR COMMENTS IN FOR THE RECORD. WE'LL TAKE THE
13 NEXT SPEAKER.

14

15 **TAINA VARGAS-EDMOND:** THANK YOU. MY NAME IS TAINA VARGAS-
16 EDMUND. I AM A MEMBER OF THE COALITION TO END SHERIFF VIOLENCE
17 IN L.A. COUNTY JAILS. AND I AM ALSO A CONSTITUENT OF THE THIRD
18 DISTRICT REPRESENTED BY ZEV YAROSLAVSKY. FIRST OF ALL, I WOULD
19 LIKE TO THANK SUPERVISORS MARK RIDLEY-THOMAS AND GLORIA MOLINA
20 FOR BRINGING THIS VERY IMPORTANT ISSUE TO THE ATTENTION OF THE
21 BOARD. AND I THINK IT'S VERY IMPORTANT THAT WE HIGHLIGHT THE
22 FACT THAT SO FAR THE BOARD HAS NOT BEEN ABLE TO STOP ALL OF
23 THE VIOLENCE THAT'S BEEN GOING ON AND THAT THERE IS A VERY
24 REAL NEED FOR CITIZENS, FOR THE COMMUNITY TO BE INVOLVED IN A
25 REAL WAY IN ORDER TO BE ABLE TO CHANGE ALL OF THE VIOLENCE



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1 THAT HAPPENS IN THESE JAILS. I WANT TO REFERENCE THE REPORT
2 THAT WAS PRESENTED RIGHT NOW BY THE CITIZENS' COMMISSION ON
3 JAIL VIOLENCE IN ADDRESSING ZEV YAROSLAVSKY'S COMMENTS THAT A
4 CITIZENS' COMMISSION WOULD NOT HAVE ANY AUTHORITATIVE POWER,
5 WOULD NOT HAVE ANY LEGAL POWER, BUT THAT REPORT SAYS "WOULD
6 NOT HAVE LEGAL AUTHORITY ABSENT ENABLING LEGISLATION" SO I'D
7 LIKE TO REMIND THE BOARD THAT YOU HAVE THE POWER TO GIVE A
8 CITIZENS' COMMISSION SUBPOENA POWER, TO BE INDEPENDENT OF THE
9 SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT AND TO HOLD THEM ACCOUNTABLE. THANK YOU.

10

11 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU FOR YOUR TESTIMONY.
12 SIR?

13

14 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** SIR, THE LEGISLATION THAT'S REFERRED TO IS
15 STATE LEGISLATION, NOT LEGISLATION FROM THIS BOARD.

16

17 **TAINA VARGAS-EDMOND:** BUT IT IS POSSIBLE.

18

19 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. WE HAVE THE
20 OPPORTUNITY TO GET A BILL SPONSORED IF WE'RE SO INCLINED, AND
21 THE LEGISLATION THEN CAN BE ENACTED BY THE STATE LEGISLATURE.
22 ALL RIGHT. PLEASE.

23

24 **HAEWON ASFAW:** HELLO. MY NAME IS HAEWON AND I'M AN ORGANIZER OF
25 THE STRIVING CENTER. I'M HERE TO URGE ALL OF YOU TO VOTE YES



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1 ON THE IMPLEMENTATION OF A PERMANENT CIVILIAN REVIEW BOARD IN
2 LOS ANGELES FOR THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY JAILS. AS A LIFELONG
3 RESIDENT AND LONG TIME ORGANIZER OF THE SAN FERNANDO VALLEY,
4 I'VE HAD MANY FRIENDS AND COMMUNITY MEMBERS BE ARRESTED AND
5 THROWN INTO THE JAIL SYSTEM. THE EXPERIENCE AND STORIES I'VE
6 HEARD COME OUT OF THEIR TIME INCARCERATED IS EXTREMELY
7 DISTURBING AND THE BEHAVIOR THAT THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT HAS
8 BEEN ALLOWED TO GET AWAY IS SIMPLY UNACCEPTABLE. IT IS CLEAR
9 THAT THE SYSTEMS ALREADY IN PLACE HAVE NOT BEEN ENOUGH TO
10 PREVENT THE GRUESOME CONDITIONS WITHIN. THE FACT THAT THERE
11 ARE THOUSANDS OF CASES OF ABUSE AND MISTREATMENT INSIDE THE
12 L.A. JAILS SHOULD BE ENOUGH EVIDENCE TO PROVE THAT A CHANGE IS
13 NEEDED. WHILE THE MAJORITY OF THOSE LOCKED UP IN THE COUNTY
14 JAILS COME FROM DISTRICTS 1 AND 2 AND ABUSIVE SHERIFF'S
15 DEPARTMENT RUNNING THE LARGEST JAIL SYSTEM IN THE WORLD IS A
16 COUNTY-WIDE ISSUE AND WE NEED YOUR LEADERSHIP IN VOTING YES ON
17 THIS MOTION.

18

19 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU FOR YOUR TESTIMONY.
20 WE'LL TAKE THE NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE. MA'AM?

21

22 **DIANA ZUINGA:** MY NAME IS DIANA ZUNIGA AND I'M THE STATEWIDE
23 ORGANIZER FOR CALIFORNIANS UNITED FOR A RESPONSIBLE BUDGET.
24 I'M HERE SUPPORTING THE MOTION TO CREATE A PERMANENT CITIZENS'
25 OVERSIGHT COMMISSION. THIS COMMISSION IS NECESSARY AFTER THE



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1 CONTINUOUS ABUSE AND VIOLENCE THAT OUR COMMUNITIES ARE
2 UNDERGOING INSIDE THE L.A. COUNTY JAIL SYSTEM. WE NEED AN
3 ENTITY THAT WILL BE ABLE TO FULLY INVESTIGATE THESE ABUSES AND
4 THE ABUSES OF WOMEN INSIDE THE L.A. COUNTY JAIL SYSTEM THAT
5 HAVE CLEARLY GONE UNNOTICED AND SILENCED. THE JAIL VIOLENCE
6 COMMISSION DIDN'T RECOMMEND THIS AS ONE OF THE ARGUMENTS WE
7 ARE HEARING, BUT THE JAIL VIOLENCE COMMISSION ALSO DID NOT
8 LOOK INTO THE VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN SPECIFICALLY. SO THERE
9 ARE GAPS. AND WE NEED TO FILL THOSE GAPS. IT IS THE
10 RESPONSIBILITY OF THE BOARD TO MONITOR THIS VIOLENCE, TO
11 MONITOR THE BUDGET, TO MONITOR THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT. BUT
12 THAT DOESN'T SEEM TO BE THE PRIORITY WHEN WE ARE STILL
13 SPENDING TAXPAYER MONEY ON JAIL CONSTRUCTION PROPOSALS. THESE
14 ARE OBVIOUS GAPS IN THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE JAIL VIOLENCE
15 COMMISSION. AND THE BOARD NEEDS TO IMPLEMENT A PERMANENT
16 CIVILIAN OVERSIGHT REVIEW BOARD IN ORDER TO FILL THESE GAPS.

17

18 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** ALL RIGHT. THANK YOU FOR YOUR
19 TESTIMONY. ALL RIGHT. MR. SACHS?

20

21 **ARNOLD SACHS:** YES, THANK YOU. GOOD AFTERNOON. ARNOLD SACHS. IF
22 YOU'RE OUT THERE IN THE AUDIENCE, I WOULD HIGHLY RECOMMEND YOU
23 PICK UP A COPY OF THE AGENDA AND LOOK AT S-1, IT TELL YOU
24 ABOUT THE CITIZENS' COMMISSION ON JAIL VIOLENCE RECOMMENDATION
25 AND AS TO THE O.I.R.'S REVIEWING JAIL VIOLENCE. TWO SEPARATE



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1 ITEMS. BOTH ON JAIL VIOLENCE. ONE COMES IN, ONE IS NOT HERE.
2 THEY LEAVE, THE OTHER ONE'S NOT HERE. THE ASSISTANT SHERIFF
3 HAD IT RIGHT WHEN SHE MENTIONED THE BOBB'S REPORT REGARDING
4 THE ROTATION. WOULD THE BOBB'S REPORT HAVE ANYTHING TO DO
5 ABOUT A LETTER REGARDING WHAT YOU TALKED ABOUT AS FAR AS THE
6 JAIL HOUSE COMMITTEE'S RECOMMENDATIONS REGARDING THIS
7 COMMITTEE? AND AGAIN COMMITTEES BY THE BOARD. ALL THESE
8 COMMITTEES ARE APPOINTED BY THE BOARD. ALL THE OVERSIGHT
9 RECOMMENDATIONS, MECHANISMS ARE ASSOCIATED WITH THE BOARD.
10 THIS IS JUST LIKE SUPERVISOR MOLINA AND A REFERENCE TO
11 D.C.F.S. THIS IS JUST ANOTHER BOARD HAND JOB.

12

13 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. WE'LL
14 PROCEED TO THE NEXT -- AND, MR. SACHS, WE TAKE NOTE OF THE
15 FACT THAT YOU HAVE SEIZED THE OPPORTUNITY TO EXPRESS YOUR
16 UNSAVORY DESIRES IN PUBLIC. I'M NOT GOING TO CONTINUE TO ALLOW
17 THAT -- I'M NOT TRYING TO ACCOMMODATE YOUR NONSENSE. JUST BE
18 CLEAR. SIR? HAVE A SEAT, MR. SACHS. PROCEED. HAVE A SEAT. SIR?

19

20 **ERIC PREVEN:** I WOULD URGE MEDIATION HERE, LADIES AND
21 GENTLEMEN. IT'S ERIC PREVEN, THE COUNTY RESIDENT FROM DISTRICT
22 3. I, TOO, APPLAUD THE IDEA OF BRINGING A POSSIBILITY FOR THE
23 CITIZENS TO PARTICIPATE AT THE TABLE OF THESE ISSUES REGARDING
24 OUR LAW ENFORCEMENT AND THE WAY WE INCARCERATE PEOPLE AND
25 HOPEFULLY THE WAY WE CHANGE THAT PARADIGM TOWARD MORE HUMANE



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1 WAYS OF DEALING WITH THE MENTALLY ILL IN OUR PRISON AND JAIL
2 SYSTEM. I DID HAVE A COUPLE OF BONES TO PICK WITH THE
3 CHARACTERIZATION. FIRST OF ALL, THE IDEA THAT THERE HAS NOW
4 BEEN ACCOUNT- ABILITY, WE CAN CHECK THOSE ITEMS, 7.10 WHICH
5 HAS TO DO WITH THE IDEA THAT SHERIFFS ARE NOT TO BE
6 IMMEDIATELY OR DEPUTIES ARE NOT TO BE FORGIVEN FOR BREAKING
7 HONESTY RULES AND USING EXCESSIVE FORCE, CURRENTLY NOW THE
8 ONLY REQUIREMENT IS THAT THERE NEEDS TO BE A FACTUAL BASIS AND
9 A LEGAL BASIS ARTICULATED. AND THEN IT'S OKAY TO REDUCE THAT
10 KIND OF THING. NOW, IT SENDS THE WRONG MESSAGE. IT SENDS THE
11 RIGHT MESSAGE TO. ALADS AND TO THE GUYS THAT WE'RE NOT GOING
12 TO REALLY GO FARTHER, DEEPER. BUT I THINK IT WOULD BE
13 INSTRUCTIVE IF WE LOOKED AT THOSE, I'M SORRY TO HARD WITH THIS
14 TIME. SO THERE'S MY VERY BRIEF COMMENT.

15

16 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU. ALL RIGHT. WE'LL HEAR
17 FROM KAREN SHAIN, PETER ELIASBURG, MELLO DESIRE AND FINALLY ON
18 THIS ITEM TERESIJA SIGMUND. MA'AM?

19

20 **PATRICIAL RUSSELL:** YES, HI, MY NAME IS PATRICIA RUSSELL AND
21 I'M MEMBER OF THE NATIONAL ALLIANCE FOR MENTALLY ILL. MY SON
22 HAS CO-OCCURRING DISORDERS. 'S CURRENTLY INCARCERATED AT TOWER
23 ONE. I AM FOR THE COMMISSION, THE CITIZENS' COMMISSION. I'M
24 FROM ZEV YAROSLAVSKY'S DISTRICT. AND I WOULD URGE HIM AND
25 COMMISSIONER KNABE TO RECONSIDER THIS. I THINK AS COMMISSIONER



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1 MARK RIDLEY-THOMAS SAYS, I THINK THAT WE COULD HAVE BOTH AND
2 THEY COULD COORDINATE WITH EACH OTHER AND IT WOULD BE MORE
3 HELPFUL. I THINK THESE OTHER THINGS THAT HAPPEN TO THE INMATES
4 THAT ARE OTHER THAN JUST OBVIOUS VIOLENCE. THERE'S VIOLENCE IN
5 TERMS OF OMISSION OF GOOD POLICY. FOR EXAMPLE, MY SON WAS
6 TAKEN TO THE HOSPITAL AND IT WAS FOUND THAT HIS KIDNEYS WERE
7 FAILING. HE SPENT ONE DAY THERE AND THEN HE WAS TAKEN BACK TO
8 I.R.C., THROWN IN A CELL WITH 35 OTHER PEOPLE, HAD TO CURL UP
9 FLOOR. I SAW HIM THE NEXT DAY. HE LOOKED LIKE HE HAD BEEN
10 STARVING FOR MONTHS. I HAD TO CALL AND BEG THEM TO DO
11 SOMETHING. FINALLY THEY WEIGHED HIM. HE'S 6' 1 AND HE WEIGHED
12 138 POUNDS. SO THAT'S JAIL VIOLENCE, AS WELL.

13

14 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. WE'LL TAKE
15 THE NEXT SPEAKERS. FOLLOWED BY FANNY ORTIZ AND JOHN WALSH.
16 LADIES?

17

18 **MELLO DESIRE:** YES. HI, MY NAME IS MELLO DESIRE, FILMMAKER FOR
19 INNER CITY YOUTH. I'VE BEEN HERE FOR THE LAST FIVE MONTHS
20 ASKING FOR FUNDING OF THE YEAR OF THE DIAMOND REHABILITATION
21 ALTERNATIVE FOR YOUTHS NOT TO GO INTO JAIL. I HAVE SAID BEFORE
22 IN THESE AREAS OF COMPTON, WATTS, EAST L.A., BOYLE HEIGHTS,
23 MACARTHUR PARK, INGLEWOOD AND SOUTH- CENTRAL. A LOT OF THESE
24 KIDS JOIN GANGS AND ARE ARRESTED BECAUSE THEY HAVE NOTHING
25 ELSE TO DO. THERE IS NO PERFORMING ARTS POSITIVE INITIATIVE



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1 FOR THEM IN THEIR NEIGHBORHOODS. YET WE HAVE FUNDING FOR
2 ARRESTING THEM. IN AUGUST 14TH, MOLINA TURNED DOWN THIS
3 PROGRAM STATING THERE IS NO FUNDS IN THE SHERIFF'S DEPUTY
4 DEPARTMENT TO HELP THESE ACTIVE YOUTH COME OUT OF GANG
5 VIOLENCE. AND THIS IS MY DISTRICT. THE DISTRICT THAT DOESN'T
6 REPRESENT ANYBODY AFRICAN-AMERICAN. GLORIA MOLINA AND JOSE
7 HUIZAR DOES NOT HAVE ONE AFRICAN-AMERICAN ON THEIR TEAM. AND
8 THAT'S WHY, THAT'S HALF OF WHY THE REASON A LOT OF THESE YOUTH
9 GET ARRESTED WITH NO RIGHTS. A.B. 109 DOLLARS IS A SHAM. IT'S
10 A NEW FORM OF SLAVERY. I'M GOING TO EXPOSE THE COMPANIES WHO
11 ARE PUTTING THEIR STOCKS INTO JAILS WHICH IS WHY BROWN AND
12 BLACK IS SO EASILY ARRESTED WITH NO RIGHTS.

13

14 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** ALL RIGHT. THANK YOU. YOUR TIME
15 HAS EXPIRED. AND WE'LL TAKE THE NEXT SPEAKER.

16

17 **TERESIJA SIGMUND:** SHE IS SO RIGHT WITH WHAT SHE'S SAYING.
18 THERE IS NO DISPUTING THAT. I UNDERSTAND YOUR HOT TEMPER. I
19 THINK THE ONLY REASON GOD DIDN'T MAKE ME MELANIN RICH IS
20 BECAUSE I WOULD FLIP OUT 1,000 TIMES MORE IF THIS WAS MY RACE
21 BEING PROSECUTED AND PERSECUTED LIKE HERS IS. AND THE FACT IS,
22 YOU KNOW, YOU ARE NOT EVEN TOUCHING THE FACT THAT THIS IS
23 COMPLETELY PROSECUTING THE BROWN PEOPLE. EVERYTHING YOU ALWAYS
24 MAKE UP FROM FOSTER CARE, THE BLUE RIBBON COMMISSION TO THE
25 JAIL SYSTEM, IT'S ALWAYS, ALL I REALLY SEE A LOT OF BROWN



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1 PEOPLE IN CHAINS. AND I DON'T SEE HOW ANYTHING HAS CHANGED. WE
2 JUST HAD THE 50TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE "I HAVE A DREAM" SPEECH
3 YOU HAVE TURNED THAT DREAM INTO A NIGHTMARE. AND THE DREAM WAS
4 SUPPOSED TO BECOME REALITY NOT STAY A DREAM. THE THING IS YOU
5 ARE NOT TALKING ABOUT OFFICERS, THEY ARE TARGETING BROWN
6 PEOPLE. THEN GET A LOT HEAVIER SENTENCES THAN PEOPLE THAT HAVE
7 MY COMPLEXION OVER THERE. IT SHOULDN'T PAY OFF TO BE PALE.
8 THAT'S A RIDICULOUS TYPE OF CONCEPT THAT IS A REALITY IN L.A.
9 COUNTY. THAT'S WHY YOU HAVE MORE PRISONERS THAN ANYWHERE IN
10 THE WORLD.

11

12 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** ALL RIGHT. THANK YOU FOR YOUR
13 TESTIMONY. WE'LL PROCEED. [APPLAUSE.] MR. ELIASBURG AND THE
14 OTHER TWO SPEAKERS SHOULD COME FORWARD.

15

16 **PETER ELIASBERG:** MR. CHAIRMAN, THE A.C.L.U. IS GRATEFUL FOR
17 THE MOTION FROM YOU AND SUPERVISOR MOLINA FOR THE CREATION OF
18 A PERMANENT CIVILIAN COMMISSION. HOWEVER I THINK IT'S
19 IMPORTANT TO RECOGNIZE THAT THE ISSUE IS NOT WHETHER THERE'S
20 CIVILIAN OVERSIGHT OR NOT. IN FACT THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT
21 SPOKESPERSON SAID WE ALREADY HAVE CIVILIAN OVERSIGHT. THE
22 QUESTION IS WHETHER THIS COMMISSION DOES SOMETHING THAT THE
23 CURRENT SYSTEM OF O.I.R. DOES, AND THE FACT IS THAT THREE
24 JUSTICE DEPARTMENT, CURRENT JUSTICE DEPARTMENT INVESTIGATIONS
25 INTO THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT, PLUS THE JAIL COMMISSION REPORT



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1 ARE LIVING PROOF THAT O.I.R.'S OVERSIGHT HAS BEEN A COMPLETE
2 FAILURE. SO IT IS NECESSARY THAT WE NOT ONLY CREATE A
3 COMMISSION, BUT LOOK AT WHAT THAT COMMISSION DOES TO ENSURE
4 THAT IT IS NOT THE COMPLETE FAILURE THAT O.I.R. HAS BEEN. SOME
5 THINGS WOULD BE SUBPOENA POWER. A SMALL INVESTIGATIVE STAFF.
6 OBVIOUSLY THEY'RE NOT GOING TO INVESTIGATE EVERYTHING. BUT
7 THEY NEED TO HAVE SOME INDEPENDENT ABILITY TO INVESTIGATE. AND
8 THE LAST THING WOULD BE A PROCESS WHEREBY THE I.G. PRESENTS
9 AUDITS TO THE BOARD, I'M SORRY, TO THE COMMISSION AND THAT THE
10 COMMISSION HAS AN OPPORTUNITY TO QUESTION SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT
11 OFFICIALS ABOUT WHY THINGS ARE HAPPENING THAT ARE SHOWING UP
12 THROUGH THE AUDIT. THOSE ARE NECESSARY STEPS. THANK YOU.

13

14 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU FOR YOUR TESTIMONY.
15 WE'LL HEAR FROM THE NEXT SPEAKERS. MA'AM?

16

17 **FANNY ORTIZ:** HI, MY NAME IS FANNY ORTIZ AND I'M A BOYLE
18 HEIGHTS RESIDENT AND A MEMBER OF THE COALITION TO END SHERIFF
19 VIOLENCE. I BELIEVE IN EFFECTIVE OVERSIGHT MUST BE INDEPENDENT
20 AND SHAPED BY CIVILIANS. THOSE WHO HAVE EXPERIENCED DEPUTY ARE
21 ABUSE ARE MADE INVISIBLE BY A CODE OF SILENCE IN THE SHERIFF'S
22 DEPARTMENT. THE THREAT OF RETALIATION BY DEPUTIES IN A CULTURE
23 OUTSIDE OF THE JAIL WALLS THAT STIGMATIZES INCARCERATED
24 PEOPLE. HOWEVER, WE KNOW THAT THESE FOLKS ARE OUR FAMILY, OUR
25 FRIENDS AND COME FROM OUR COMMUNITIES. EFFECTIVE OVERSIGHT OF



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1 THE JAILS MUST PRIORITIZE NOT ONLY PERSONS INDEPENDENT OF THE
2 LOS ANGELES SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT BUT ALSO THOSE WHOSE
3 COMMUNITIES ARE MOST IMPACTED BY THE SYSTEMATIC CULTURE OF
4 ABUSE. THANK YOU.

5

6 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** WE THANK YOU FOR YOUR TESTIMONY.
7 MICHAEL RICHARDSON? IS MICHAEL HERE? ALL RIGHT. JOHN WALSH
8 WILL BE THE LAST SPEAKER ON THESE TWO ITEMS. AND THEN WE'RE
9 GOING TO RECEIVE AND FILE THEM. THANK YOU.

10

11 **JOHN WALSH:** JOHN WALSH BLOGGING AT HOLLYWOOD
12 HOLLYWOODHIGHLANDS.ORG, 100,000 SERVER REQUESTS A MONTH. I WAS
13 A GUEST OF THE SHERIFF'S QUITE SOME TIME AGO. I HAD THE
14 DISTINCTION OF BEING ARRESTED PERSONALLY BY MAYOR BRADLEY AND
15 SPENDING -- THIS IS AT THE OPENING OF THE BLUE LINE. AND
16 COVERED IN THE L.A. TIMES. SO WE WANT THE COMMISSION SO THAT
17 WHITE GUYS LIKE ME DON'T GET ARRESTED ANYMORE. PEOPLE SAY
18 YOU'RE WHITE, WHAT DO YOU KNOW ABOUT RACISM? LET ME TELL YOU
19 SOMETHING. I'M A WHITE GUY. WE INVENTED RACISM. WE'RE EXPERTS.
20 WE KNOW HOW IT WORKS. WE'RE NOT SUPPOSED TO SAY THESE THINGS
21 IN FRONT OF BLACKS AND HISPANICS. WE'RE TOLD DON'T TELL THE
22 TRUTH IN FRONT OF BLACKS AND HISPANICS IF YOU'RE WHITE.
23 HOLLYWOODHIGHLANDS.ORG FOR THE TRUTH.

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1 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR YOUR
2 TESTIMONY. THAT CLOSES THE PUBLIC COMMENT ON ITEMS S-1 AND S-
3 2. WITHOUT OBJECTION, WE'LL RECEIVE AND FILE BOTH OF THOSE
4 REPORTS. WE CONTINUED S-5. THERE ARE PERSONS HERE WHO WERE NOT
5 AWARE OF THAT AT THE TIME. I'M GOING TO ALLOW THEM TO BE HEARD
6 BEFORE THEY HAVE TO RETURN TO THEIR DUTIES. SO IF AIMEE
7 BASTANO, IF YOU WOULD COME FORWARD. JULIE DALMAU, WOULD COME
8 FORWARD, NANCY MC GRATH, JENNY VALEZ-URZUA, VIRGINIA ANDERS-
9 ELLMORE, ROBIN ELLIS, ILEANA MEZA, AND ALEXA BENSON. IF YOU
10 WOULD SEIZE THIS OPPORTUNITY TO BE HEARD, THIS IS S-5. AND
11 THEN WE WILL PROCEED TO S-3 AND FINALLY S-4. MA'AM?

12

13 **ILEANA MEZA:** GOOD AFTER, HONORABLE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS. MY
14 NAME IS ILEANA MEZA AND AS YOU CAN SEE RIGHT OVER THERE, I
15 HAVE MY COLLEAGUE NURSE PRACTITIONERS FROM THE DIFFERENT
16 FACILITIES OF THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH SERVICES. THERE IS
17 ABOUT 75 OF US. A FEW OF US HAD TO LEAVE TO GO BACK TO WORK.
18 NURSE PRACTITIONERS ARE FRONTLINE WORKERS. WE ARE THE BACKBONE
19 OF THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH SERVICES. AND WE ARE CRUCIAL AND
20 CRITICAL TO THE SUCCESSFUL IMPLEMENTATION OF A.C.A. AND
21 PRIMARY CARE MEDICAL HOMES. HOWEVER, SEVEN YEARS AGO IN 2006
22 THE COUNTY IMPLEMENTED A SALARY GRID. AND THE NURSE
23 PRACTITIONERS REPLACED THE LOWEST OUT OF THE FOUR CATEGORIES
24 OF ADVANCED PRACTICE NURSES. SINCE THEN, OUR ROLES, OUR
25 RESPONSIBILITIES, OUR EDUCATIONAL REQUIREMENTS HAVE EXPANDED.



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1 AND WE ARE HERE, YOUR HONORABLE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, TO ASK
2 YOU FOR A SPECIFIC ASK: WE WANT YOU TO HELP REALIGN THE SALARY
3 INEQUITY AND HELP PLACE THE NURSE PRACTITIONERS WHO ARE
4 CURRENTLY THE LOWEST OF THE ADVANCED PRACTICE NURSES, HELP
5 PLACE US FROM LEVEL 17 TO -- FROM LEVEL 11 TO STEP 17,
6 REALIGNING THE GRID.

7

8 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** ALL RIGHT. THANK YOU VERY MUCH
9 FOR YOUR TESTIMONY. WE WILL TAKE THE NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

10 MA'AM? YOUR NAME?

11

12 **VIRGINIA ANDERS-ELLMORE:** HI, I'M VIRGINIA ANDERS-ELLMORE, I'M
13 A NURSE PRACTITIONER FROM HARBOR-U.C.L.A. I'M HERE TO ASK THAT
14 YOU REALLY TAKE A LOOK AT THE NURSE PRACTITIONERS AS PART OF
15 THE SOLUTION TO MAKE SURE L.A. COUNTY IS ABLE TO MEET THE
16 DEMANDS OF THE UNINSURED PEOPLE YET TO COME HERE IN L.A.
17 COUNTY WITH THE A.C.A. EVEN THOUGH THERE ARE SEVEN MILLION
18 NEWLY INSURED PATIENTS THAT WE WILL HAVE IN THE STATE OF
19 CALIFORNIA, THERE'S THREE TO FOUR MILLION THAT WILL STILL NOT
20 BE INSURED. THAT MEANS THE COUNTY STILL HAS WORK TO DO. THE
21 NURSE PRACTITIONERS HAVE BEEN DEDICATED TO TAKING CARE OF THE
22 UNINSURED SINCE OUR FULL EXISTENCE. WE HAVE BEEN PEOPLE THAT
23 HAVE BEEN ABLE TO MAKE THE SYSTEM WORK. WE HAVE HIRED MORE AND
24 MORE NURSE PRACTITIONERS OVER THE YEARS AND WISH TO HELP
25 REDUCE OUR WAIT TIMES, IMPROVE OUR PATIENT SATISFACTION AND,



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1 YET, THERE'S GOING TO BE A LOT MORE PEOPLE. THESE PEOPLE WILL
2 COME BACK TO US BECAUSE THE PRIVATE SECTOR WILL FIND THEM TOO
3 EXPENSIVE. SO WE NEED YOUR SUPPORT TO BE ABLE TO RETAIN AND
4 ATTRACT MORE NURSE PRACTITIONERS BY INCREASING OUR GRID LEVEL
5 TO 17.

6

7 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. WE'LL TAKE
8 THE NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

9

10 **NANCY MCGRATH:** GOOD AFTERNOON, HONORABLE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS.
11 MY NAME IS NANCY MCGRATH AND I'M HAPPILY EMPLOYED AS A NURSE
12 PRACTITIONER AT HARBOR-U.C.L.A. IN THE PEDIATRIC EMERGENCY
13 DEPARTMENT. I AM MASTER'S-PREPARED, DUAL-CERTIFIED AND I'M
14 HERE TO REPRESENT THE PEDS NURSE PRACTITIONERS THROUGHOUT THE
15 LOS ANGELES COUNTY HEALTHCARE SYSTEM. WE ARE HIGH QUALITY
16 COST-EFFECTIVE PROVIDERS FOR THE CHILDREN OF LOS ANGELES
17 COUNTY. WE CAN BE FOUND IN EVERY CLINICAL AREA THERE IS
18 THROUGHOUT THE HEALTHCARE SYSTEM HERE IN LOS ANGELES. JUST TO
19 REITERATE THE POINT IN TERMS OF THE SALARIES SINCE THERE IS
20 THE TIME PRESSURE, I JUST WANT TO LET YOU KNOW THAT NURSE
21 PRACTITIONERS PRE-SUB STUDENTS FROM ALL OF THE STUDENTS IN LOS
22 ANGELES. THAT GIVES US POTENTIAL TO SCREEN FUTURE EMPLOYEES. I
23 WANT TO GIVE YOU A LITTLE IDEA OF THE SALARY INEQUITIES WE'RE
24 SEEING HERE IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY. MY GRADUATE STUDENTS FROM
25 U.C.L.A. WHO HAVE FIVE YEARS OF EXPERIENCE MAKE EXACTLY THE



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1 SAME AMOUNT OF MONEY I MAKE AFTER 22 YEARS AS A NURSE
2 PRACTITIONER AND 33 YEARS AS A NURSE. THE CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL
3 HERE IN LOS ANGELES, THEY MAKE 30,000 DOLLARS MORE THAN I DO.
4 SO THE SALARY INEQUITY IS QUITE GREAT. WE JUST WANT YOU TO
5 TAKE A LOOK AT IT. THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR YOUR TIME.

6

7 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** WE THANK YOU FOR YOUR TESTIMONY.
8 MA'AM?

9

10 **AIMEE PESTANO:** GOOD AFTERNOON, BOARD OF SUPERVISORS. MY NAME
11 IS AIMEE PESTANO. I WORK IN THE WOMEN'S HEALTH CLINIC AT LONG
12 BEACH AND I RUN THE FAMILY PLANNING PROGRAM AND CANCER
13 DETECTION PROGRAM. I STRONGLY BELIEVE THAT NO MATTER WHAT
14 SETTING, NURSE PRACTITIONER HAS PROVEN TO BE A HIGH QUALITY,
15 COST-EFFECTIVE MEANS OF PRIMARY-CARE DELIVERY. WITH THE A.C.A.
16 BEING IMPLEMENTED IN 2014, THERE WILL BE A GREAT NUMBER OF
17 PATIENT INFLUX. AND WE THE NURSE PRACTITIONERS ARE VERY
18 DEDICATED TO FACE THESE CHALLENGE TO IMPROVE QUALITY AND
19 ACCESS OF HEALTH CARE. MY MESSAGE TO EVERYONE THAT'S LISTENING
20 RIGHT NOW: BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, FELLOW NURSE PRACTITIONERS
21 AND CITIZENS OF LOS ANGELES, BY LAW, PAY PRACTICES MUST BE
22 CONSISTENT, MUST NOT DISCRIMINATE, AND MUST NOT BE ARBITRARY.
23 A PAY PHILOSOPHY APPLIED INCONSISTENTLY CAN DEVALUE EMPLOYEES.
24 IN FACT, IN THE PAST FOUR YEARS, WE HAVE NOT RECEIVED ANY
25 SALARY RAISE THAT WAS PROMISED, BUT YET WE STILL CONTINUED TO



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1 WORK AND SERVE OUR PATIENTS BECAUSE WE LOVE WHAT WE DO. ALL
2 EMPLOYEES ARE ENTITLED TO HAVE SATISFACTION. WE THE NURSE
3 PRACTITIONERS ARE ASKING FOR COMPENSATION THAT IS APPROPRIATE,
4 RIGHTFUL AND DESERVING FOR THE ROLES AND PURPOSES THAT WE
5 DELIVER. THANK YOU SO MUCH.

6

7 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** WE THANK YOU FOR YOUR TESTIMONY.
8 WE'LL TAKE YOUR TESTIMONY NOW, MA'AM. JUST COME RIGHT OVER.
9 YEP.

10

11 **ALEXA BENSON:** GOOD AFTERNOON. MY NAME IS ALEXA BENSON. I WORK
12 AT HARBOR-U.C.L.A. IN THE DEPARTMENT OF EMERGENCY MEDICINE.
13 WE'RE FRONTLINE PROVIDERS OF CARE THERE. WE ADMIT PATIENTS TO
14 THE HOSPITAL WITHOUT ATTENDING SIGNATURES. WE DO C.P.R. IN THE
15 WAITING ROOM. DELIVER BABIES IN THE PARKING LOTS. AND ALL OF
16 THIS IS BECOMING PROGRESSIVELY COMPLEX WITH OUR HEALTHCARE
17 SYSTEM TODAY. SINCE 2008, OUR 10-MEMBER M.P. GROUP HAS
18 INCREASED ACCESS TO HEALTHCARE, WHICH IS ONE OF THE MAJOR
19 TENETS OF THE AFFORDABLE HEALTH CARE ACT, AND DECREASED WAIT
20 TIMES FROM DOOR TO THE PROVIDER BY OVER 50 PERCENT, WHICH
21 REALLY INCREASES PATIENT SATISFACTION. AND NOT ONE SINGLE
22 PERSON HAS DIED IN OUR WAITING ROOM SINCE THE INCEPTION OF
23 M.P. GROUPS. GROUPS. DESPITE ALL THE CHALLENGES THAT WE FACE,
24 ONE MORE CHALLENGE IS THERE'S A 30 PERCENT ATTRITION RATE IN
25 OUR GROUP. AND THIS ATTRITION RATE HAS LED TO AN INABILITY TO



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1 ATTRACT AND RETAIN OTHER N.P.S. SO PLEASE CONSIDER THE MOVE TO
2 LEVEL 17.

3

4 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** WE THANK YOU FOR YOUR TESTIMONY.
5 AND WE'LL TAKE THE FINAL SPEAKER.

6

7 **ROBIN ELLIS:** HI MY NAME IS ROBIN ELLIS. I'M A NURSE
8 PRACTITIONER AT LAC+USC MEDICAL CENTER. WE ARE REALLY HAPPY TO
9 BE HERE. WE REPRESENT THE FRONTLINE WORKERS THE MOST IMPORTANT
10 FRONTLINE WORKERS IN D.H.S. FROM THE HIGH DESERT TO LONG BEACH
11 FROM EL MONTE TO HUDSON CLINIC, RANCHO, HARBOR, EVERYWHERE,
12 OLIVE VIEW, WE COVER EVERY DISTRICT. IF YOU ARE SEEN IN D.H.S.
13 HOSPITALS AND CLINICS YOU SEE NURSE PRACTITIONERS. WE MAKE THE
14 MOST SIGNIFICANT DIFFERENCE IN THE D.H.S. SYSTEM, WHICH YOU
15 GUYS HAVE INVESTED SO MUCH TIME AND ENERGY IN AS THE COUNTY
16 SUPERVISORS AND US, AS THE FRONTLINE WORKERS ARE SO DEDICATED
17 TO TRANSFORMING THE SYSTEM. NOT JUST SO WE CAN SURVIVE THROUGH
18 A.C.A., SO THAT WE CAN ACTUALLY BECOME "THE" PROVIDER OF
19 CHOICE THROUGH A.C.A. OBVIOUSLY PUTTING NURSE PRACTITIONERS AT
20 PAY SCALE 17 ON THE GRID IS ONE MINOR ELEMENT OF ALL THE
21 CHANGES THAT WE NEED TO HAPPEN, BUT AS "THE" FRONTLINE WORKERS
22 WHO ARE SEEING THE MAJORITY OF IN YOUR E.R.S AND YOUR CLIN. WE
23 REALLY DO MATTER AND HOPE YOU TAKE THIS INTO CONSIDERATION.
24 THANK YOU.

25



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1 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

2

3 **ROBIN ELIS:** I FORGOT TO ADD SO THERE'S US OBVIOUSLY WE'RE
4 HERE. WE ACTUALLY HAVE 500 POSTCARDS. ALL OUR COWORKERS, THE
5 DOCTORS, R.N.S, EVERYBODY THAT WORKS WITH US TODAY ALSO SEES
6 WHAT AN IMPORTANT JOB WE DO AND WANTED TO SHOW THEIR SUPPORT.

7

8 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** WE THANK YOU FOR YOUR TESTIMONY.
9 AND YOU CAN GIVE THOSE TO SERGEANT. AND THAT CONCLUDES THE
10 TESTIMONY ON THIS ITEM, WHICH IS S-5, WHICH HAS BEEN
11 CONTINUED. WE TAKE NOTE OF THE FACT THAT NURSE PRACTITIONERS
12 ARE IN THE HOUSE. ALL RIGHT. [APPLAUSE.] WE WILL NOW MOVE TO
13 S-4, 3, S-3. MEMBERS OF THE BOARD, LADIES AND GENTLEMEN, S-3
14 IS BEFORE US. GENTLEMEN, THE FLOOR IS YOURS. AND IF YOU WOULD
15 PROCEED, YOU HAVE OUR ATTENTION.

16

17 **JOHN KUPRENAS:** GOOD AFTERNOON, BOARD MEMBERS. MY NAME IS JOHN
18 KUPRENAS. I'M WITH VANIR CONSTRUCTION MANAGEMENT. TO MY RIGHT
19 IS ROB NASH ALSO AT VANIR CONSTRUCTION MANAGEMENT. WE'RE HERE
20 THIS AFTERNOON TO ADDRESS TWO ITEMS IDENTIFIED IN THE BOARD
21 MOTION OF JULY 16TH, SPECIFICALLY SUPERVISOR MOLINA HAD ASKED
22 US TO IDENTIFY THE ADDITIONAL CAPITAL COSTS IN BEDS NEEDED IF
23 TIME SERVED BY INMATES WAS INCREASED BY 50, 60, 70, OR 75
24 PERCENT OF THEIR SENTENCE. AND THE SECOND THING THAT WAS
25 REQUESTED WAS THE NUMBER OF BEDS NEEDED FOR THE TO MEET THE



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1 STATE'S FEDERAL MANDATE OF 137 PERCENT B.S.C.C. REQUIREMENT
2 FOR EACH FACILITY. BOTH OF THESE REQUESTS WERE MADE IN THE
3 CONTEXT OF OUR COMPREHENSIVE INDEPENDENT REVIEW JAIL PLAN THAT
4 WAS ALSO PRESENTED AT THE BOARD AND ACCEPTED AT THAT MEETING.
5 AND WITH THAT I'LL ASK ROB TO PLEASE PRESENT THE FINDINGS.

6

7 **ROBERT NASH:** GOOD AFTERNOON. WE'RE GOING TO ADDRESS THE
8 ADDITIONAL CAPITAL COSTS NEEDED IF THE TIME SERVED BY INMATES
9 WAS INCREASED TO 50, 60, 70 OR 75 PERCENT. AS A MEANS OF
10 BACKGROUND, WE'RE TALKING IN PARTICULAR ABOUT THE TRADITIONAL
11 COUNTY-SENTENCED INMATES, WHICH AT THE TIME THAT WE PRESENTED
12 OUR PHASE ONE REPORT REPRESENTED APPROXIMATELY SEVEN PERCENT
13 OF INMATES WITHIN THE COUNTY JAIL SYSTEM. AT THAT TIME, COUNTY
14 POLICY WAS THAT THE MAJORITY OF TRADITIONAL COUNTY-SENTENCED
15 INMATES SERVED ONLY A PERCENTAGE OF THEIR SENTENCE. MALES
16 SERVING APPROXIMATELY 20 PERCENT, AND FEMALES 10 PERCENT. IN
17 LOOKING AT THE REQUEST BY THE BOARD, THE SHERIFF PROVIDED
18 NUMBERS TO US AT THE VARIOUS PERCENTAGES REQUESTED, 50, 60, 70
19 AND 75. YOU COULD SEE THE MIDDLE COLUMN REPRESENTS THE ACTUAL
20 NUMBER OF INMATES THAT THE SHERIFF PROVIDED US WITH THAT WOULD
21 BE ADDITIONAL INMATES IN THE SYSTEM IF THE PERCENTAGE OF TIME
22 WAS INCREASED. WE INCLUDE A PEAKING AND CLASSIFICATION FACTOR
23 OF 10 PERCENT. AND SO WE END UP WITH THE NUMBERS IN THE RIGHT-
24 HAND COLUMN WHICH ARE BOLDED. IN TAKING THOSE NUMBER OF BEDS,
25 IF WE WERE TO LOOK AT CREATING A NEW FACILITY TO HOUSE THE



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1 NUMBER OF INMATES, THE NUMBER OF ADDITIONAL BEDS THAT WOULD BE
2 REQUIRED TO INCREASE PERCENTAGE TIME SERVED, YOU CAN SEE IN
3 THE COLUMN ON THE RIGHT-HAND SIDE THE TOTAL PROJECT COST OF
4 FACILITIES TO ACCOMMODATE THESE ADDITIONAL INMATES. MOVING ON
5 TO THE SECOND QUESTION, NUMBER OF BEDS NEEDED FOR THE COUNTY
6 TO MEET THE STATE'S FEDERAL MEN DATE OF 137 PERCENT FOR EACH
7 FACILITY. CURRENTLY THE STATE OPERATES UNDER A FEDERAL MANDATE
8 THAT SYSTEM-WIDE THEY SHOULD NOT EXCEED 137.5 PERCENT OF THEIR
9 CAPACITY. THE FIVE OPTIONS THAT WE PRESENTED TO THE BOARD ALL
10 RANGE FROM 124.5 PERCENT TO 120.3 PERCENT. THOSE ARE SYSTEM-
11 WIDE PERCENTAGES. BUT LOOKING AT THE 137.5 AS APPLIED TO
12 INDIVIDUAL FACILITIES, THERE WERE THREE EXISTING FACILITIES
13 THAT WOULD EXCEED THE 137.5 PERCENT. P.D.C. NORTH, N.C.C.F
14 .AND T.T.C.F. IN LOOKING AT THE NUMBER OF BEDS THAT WOULD BE
15 REQUIRED TO BE PROVIDED ELSEWHERE IN THE SYSTEM IF WE REDUCED
16 THE POPULATION OF THOSE FACILITIES DOWN TO MEET THE 137.5
17 PERCENT CAPACITY, WE CAN SEE THAT IT GENERATES 337 BEDS AT
18 P.D.C. NORTH, 378 BEDS AT N.C.C.F. AND 872 BEDS AT T.T.C.F..
19 INCLUDING A PEAKING CLASSIFICATION FACTOR AGAIN OF 10 PERCENT,
20 THIS WOULD REQUIRE A TOTAL NUMBER OF ADDITIONAL BEDS OF 1,746,
21 WHICH WOULD NEED TO BE PROVIDED IN SOME OTHER WAY WITHIN THE
22 SYSTEM, WHETHER THAT WAS IN AN ADDITIONAL FACILITY OR AN
23 ADDITIONAL CAPACITY THROUGH OTHER OPPORTUNITIES SUCH AS FIRE
24 CAMPS OR C.C.F.S, ETCETERA. AND THAT CONCLUDES OUR
25 PRESENTATION.



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2 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** ALL RIGHT. THANK YOU VERY MUCH
3 FOR YOUR PRESENTATION. ARE THERE FOLLOW-UP PIECES AT THIS
4 TIME? ASSISTANT SHERIFF? IF YOU WOULD HOLD ON UNTIL THEY TEE
5 UP YOUR MICROPHONE.

6

7 **TERRI MCDONALD:** GOOD AFTERNOON.

8

9 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** ALL RIGHT. YOU MAY PROCEED.

10

11 **TERRI MCDONALD:** SO ONE OF THE THINGS WE WERE ASKED TO DO WAS
12 DO SOME PROJECTIONS ON HOW MANY BEDS WE WOULD NEED IF WE
13 TARGETED THE POPULATION THAT ARE REFERRED TO AS M7S WITHIN THE
14 SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT. THE M7S ARE COUNTY-SENTENCED FELONS.
15 THEY SERVE THEIR TIME IN THE COUNTY JAIL. BUT THEIR ORIGINAL
16 CHARGE IS A SERIOUS OR VIOLENT OFFENSE. CURRENTLY THOSE
17 OFFENDERS SERVE 40 PERCENT OF THEIR TIME IN L.A. COUNTY JAIL
18 SYSTEM. AS REPRESENTED BY VANIR REPORT, THE NON-M7 COUNTY-
19 SENTENCED FELON MALES SERVE 20 PERCENT AND THE NON-M7 FEMALES
20 SERVE 10 PERCENT OF THEIR SENTENCE. I'VE BEEN ASKED REPEATEDLY
21 WHAT DOES M7 STAND FOR? I HAVE NOT BEEN ABLE TO FIGURE THAT
22 OUT. NOBODY CURRENTLY KNOWS WHERE THAT CODE CAME FROM. MY GUT
23 SAYS THERE WERE PROBABLY ORIGINALLY 7 PENAL CODE SECTIONS THAT
24 WERE CONSIDERED IN THIS GROUP, SO IT'S PROBABLY CALLED M7 AND
25 IT'S EXPANDED. THIS CHART IS A LITTLE CONFUSING. BUT IT



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1 ESSENTIALLY IS THE CHART THAT WE GAVE TO VANIR TO ALLOW THEM
2 TO ESTIMATE HOW MANY BEDS YOU WOULD NEED IF THE POPULATION WAS
3 INCREASED TO 50, 60 OR 70 PERCENT OR 75 PERCENT. I NEED TO DO
4 A COUPLE OF CAVEATS, THOUGH. ONE IS THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT
5 HAS VERY SMART, INNOVATIVE, INTELLIGENT STAFF MEMBERS, BUT,
6 FRANKLY, THEY'RE NOT PROJECTIONISTS. SO I THINK THAT THIS IS
7 BASED ON GOOD, REASONABLE JUDGMENT. BUT PROJECTIONS? I'VE BEEN
8 DOING THIS A LONG TIME. PROJECTIONS ARE INVARIABLY SLIGHTLY
9 WRONG. AND I THINK VANIR WOULD CONCUR WITH ME ON THAT. THE
10 OTHER THING IS WE CAN'T PROJECT SENTENCING CHANGES OR CRIME
11 TRENDS OR ANYTHING LIKE THAT. BUT IF YOU TOOK THE M7S, IT'S
12 THE VERY TOP GROUP. AND YOU RUN ALONG THE ROW. IF YOU HAD THE
13 M7S SERVE 100 PERCENT OF THEIR SENTENCE, YOU CAN SEE IN RED
14 BOLDED HIGHLIGHT WE'D NEED 696 ADDITIONAL BEDS. AND THEN IF
15 THE DECISION WAS WE DON'T WANT THEM TO SERVE 100 PERCENT, WE
16 WANT THEM TO SERVE 70 PERCENT, YOU CAN LOOK UNDERNEATH THE 70
17 PERCENT COLUMN AND YOU SEE THE NUMBER 348. SO THE TEAM WENT
18 THROUGH JUST TO BE FULLY TRANSPARENT IN WHAT WE THOUGHT THE
19 PROJECTIONS WERE FOR ALL THE CATEGORIES THAT ARE CURRENTLY
20 GETTING EARLY RELEASE FROM THEIR FULL SENTENCE TO LET YOU KNOW
21 WHAT THE POPULATION IMPACT WOULD BE. IF ALL OF THE COUNTY-
22 SENTENCED FELONS HAD TO SERVE 100 PERCENT OF THEIR TIME, ON
23 THE BOTTOM RIGHT HAND SIDE YOU SEE THE NUMBER 4,377. WHEN YOU
24 ADD THE 10 PERCENT SWING SPACE THAT VANIR MENTIONS, THAT'S
25 ROUGHLY 4,800 BEDS. SO THE FIRST QUESTION WAS HOW MANY BEDS



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1 WOULD YOU NEED? THE ANSWER TO THAT IS ESTIMATED TO BE 700.
2 SOME OF THE THINGS THAT WE'VE BEEN DOING TO DEAL WITH THE
3 POPULATION AND LAWS THAT HAVE BEEN PASSED THAT WILL HELP A
4 LITTLE BIT ARE ALREADY IN EFFECT I'VE LISTED HERE. ONE OF THEM
5 IS THE EARNED CREDIT LAWS THAT HAVE PASSED. RECENTLY ASSEMBLY
6 BILL 76 AMENDED PENAL CODE SECTION 4,019 WHICH IS THE CREDIT
7 EARNING SECTION OF THE PENAL CODE THAT TELLS JAILS AND PRISONS
8 HOW TO GIVE INMATES CREDIT. IT ALLOWS FOR ENHANCED CREDIT
9 EARNING FOR INMATES INVOLVED IN A MEANINGFUL REHABILITATIVE
10 VOCATIONAL CONSERVATION CAMP PROGRAM. WE'RE FINALIZING A
11 POLICY ON THAT. AND THAT POLICY WILL BE IN EFFECT OCTOBER 1ST
12 FOR DESIGNATED OFFENDERS. AND WHAT THEY WILL GET INSTEAD OF
13 GETTING DAY FOR DAY OFF THEIR SENTENCE, THEY GET 1.5 DAYS OFF
14 THEIR SENTENCE FOR EVERY DAY THAT THEY SERVE. WE'RE GOING TO
15 BE TALKING ABOUT THE FIRE CAMP CONTRACT. FIRE CAMP OFFENDERS,
16 BY LAW, RECEIVE TWO DAYS OFF THEIR SENTENCE FOR EVERY DAY THAT
17 THEY SERVE. WE'VE HAD INMATES IN THE FIRE CAMP PROGRAM FOR
18 SEVERAL MONTHS. AND SO THAT ACTUALLY REDUCES RELIANCE ON BEDS
19 AS INMATES MOVE THROUGH THAT, AS WELL. RECENTLY ASSEMBLY BILL
20 624 WAS ENACTED INTO LAW. LAST WEEK, AS A MATTER OF FACT. IT
21 GIVES THE COUNTIES JURISDICTION TO GIVE SIX WEEKS OF MILESTONE
22 PROGRAM COMPLETION CREDITS FOR COMPLETION OF DRUG, ALCOHOL,
23 EDUCATION, VOCATIONAL, COGNITIVE-BASED PROGRAMS SIMILAR TO THE
24 SAME SIX WEEKS CREDIT THESE OFFENDERS WOULD HAVE SERVED HAD
25 THEY SERVED THEIR TIME IN STATE PRISON. WHEN A.B.109 WAS



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1 ENACTED INTO LAW, THE STATE DIDN'T PICK UP THAT OUR OFFENDERS
2 AREN'T ELIGIBLE FOR THE CREDITS THEY WOULD HAVE GOTTEN HAD
3 THEY GONE TO STATE PRISON. WE'VE BEEN RUNNING A PILOT PROGRAM
4 FOR FEMALES INTO DRUG TREATMENT PROGRAMS. SOME C.B.O.S HAVE
5 BEEN KIND ENOUGH TO DONATE SOME BEDS TO THE SHERIFF'S
6 DEPARTMENT FOR THIS PILOT PROGRAM, AND WE'VE HAD 40 WOMEN IN
7 THAT PROGRAM. THEY ARE ON G.P.S. WHILE THEY'RE THERE. SO
8 THEY'RE STILL UNDERNEATH THE JURISDICTION OF THE SHERIFF'S
9 DEPARTMENT. AND WE HOPE TO EXPAND THAT EITHER THROUGH
10 ADDITIONAL FUNDING OR AFFORDABLE CARE ACT FUNDING. THE
11 VETERANS' ADMINISTRATION HAS ALSO IDENTIFIED AT LEAST 15 BEDS
12 THEY'RE WILLING TO GIVE US FOR ALTERNATIVE CUSTODY. AS A
13 REMINDER, THESE ARE NONSERIOUS, NONVIOLENT, NONSEX OFFENDERS
14 WHO ARE RISK ASSESSMENT IS DONE FOR LOW RISK. AND THEN OF
15 COURSE THE FIRE CAMP TRAINING PROGRAM AND THE CONTRACT FOR
16 FIRE CAMP THAT I BELIEVE IT'S BEEN MOVED UP TO THIS. SO THOSE
17 ARE SOME OF THE THINGS THAT ARE IN EFFECT NOW. WE WERE ASKED
18 TO GIVE A SENSE OF IF WE WERE TO DO SOMETHING DIFFERENT WITH
19 ADDITIONAL CAPACITY, WHAT'S OUT THERE AND AVAILABLE AND WHAT
20 WOULD THOSE COSTS BE? SO FIRE CAMP CONTRACT I THINK WE'RE
21 GOING TO TALK ABOUT TODAY. ESSENTIALLY IT'S 46 DOLLAR AND 19
22 CENTS A DAY CONTRACT. IT'S 500 BEDS. THE TOTAL ANNUAL COST IS
23 ABOUT \$8.4 MILLION DOLLARS. WE HAVE INMATES READY TO GO. THE
24 STATE WILL BEGIN ACCEPTING THEM. I HAVE THE COMMANDER HERE TO
25 ANSWER ANY QUESTIONS THAT YOU HAVE AND I DO HAVE THE CONFLICT



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1 OF INTEREST TALKING ABOUT ANY SPECIFICS ON THE CONTRACT.
2 ESSENTIALLY WE'RE READY TO GO. WITH THAT AND THE FIRE
3 DEPARTMENT IS HERE AS WELL. TAFT, WE'VE BEEN IN DISCUSSIONS
4 WITH TAFT. IT'S A 512 BED COMMUNITY CORRECTIONAL FACILITY RUN
5 BY THE CITY OF TAFT. IT'S A PUBLIC ENTITY. OUR PREVIOUS
6 DISCUSSIONS WITH THEM WAS THAT THEY WOULD CHARGE US 60 DOLLARS
7 AND FIFTY CENTS A DAY FOR 512 BEDS. AND THE TOTAL ANNUAL COST
8 AT FULL IMPLEMENTATION IS 11.3 MILLION DOLLARS. WE DID TALK TO
9 TAFT OVER THE WEEKEND. THEY ARE STILL INTERESTED IN DOING
10 BUSINESS WITH US AS ONE POINT OF INFORMATION. THE STATE OF
11 CALIFORNIA IS ALSO ACTIVELY NEGOTIATING WITH TAFT ON THESE
12 BEDS. THERE ARE OTHER BEDS THAT ARE C.C.F. BEDS, COMMUNITY
13 CORRECTIONAL FACILITY BEDS, AVAILABLE. HOWEVER, I DON'T THINK
14 L.A. COUNTY IS AS FAR ALONG IN NEGOTIATION WITH THOSE
15 MUNICIPALITIES, BUT TAFT ACTUALLY IS INTERESTED IN RE-ENGAGING
16 THE DISCUSSION. FINALLY, WE DO HAVE EMPTY CAPACITY AT PITCHESS
17 DETENTION CENTER EAST. WE COULD IN LIEU OF TAFT OPEN UP 500
18 BEDS. THE P.D.C. EAST IS SIGNIFICANTLY MORE EXPENSIVE AT 112
19 DOLLARS A DAY FOR THOSE 500 BEDS AT 20.4 MILLION DOLLARS
20 ANNUALLY. THE PRO OF EAST OVER TAFT IS THAT EAST YOU CAN
21 EXPAND AND COLLAPSE DEPENDING UPON WHAT HAPPENS WITH
22 POPULATION MUCH EASIER. TAFT, ONCE WE ENTER INTO A CONTRACT
23 WITH TAFT, IT'S A THREE-YEAR CONTRACT, AND IF WE TRY TO END
24 THE CONTRACT EARLY, AND WE CAN, IT'S GOT UP TO A MILLION
25 DOLLARS, ROUGHLY A MILLION DOLLARS PENALTY FOR AN EARLY



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1 ENDING. WE HAVEN'T GIVEN UP ON ALTERNATIVE CUSTODY PROGRAMS
2 FOR MENTAL HEALTH, DRUG TREATMENT. WE'RE STILL WORKING ON
3 CREDIT EARNING. AND OF COURSE WE CONTINUE TO BE OPEN TO
4 DISCUSSIONS ON DIVERSION, SPLIT SENTENCES, PRESENTENCE
5 POPULATION. BUT THESE ARE THE MORE TANGIBLE, IMMEDIATE
6 POPULATION SOLUTIONS. AND I REMAIN AVAILABLE TO ANSWER ANY
7 QUESTIONS.

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9 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** OTHER DEPARTMENT
10 REPRESENTATIVES? FROM FIRE?

11

12 **SPEAKER:** JUST ANY QUESTIONS THAT YOU HAVE WITH THE FIRE INMATE
13 CAMP PROGRAM. BUT WE'VE BEEN ACTIVE. WE'VE HAD THE PROGRAM FOR
14 ROUGHLY 20 YEARS AND WE HAVE CURRENTLY 500 C.D.C. INMATES IN
15 OUR FIVE FIRE CAMPS. AND NOW WE HAVE A PROPOSED FOR THE LAST
16 FEW MONTHS OF TRANSITIONING THOSE INMATES FROM C.D.C.R. TO
17 SHERIFF INMATES.

18

19 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** ALL RIGHT. MEMBERS OF THE BOARD,
20 IN ADDITION TO TO S-3, SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH DID REQUEST TO BE
21 HEARD ON ITEM NUMBER 25. WE WILL TAKE THESE ITEMS IN TANDEM.
22 SUPERVISOR? SUPERVISOR MOLINA, AS WELL.

23

24 **SUP. MOLINA:** MAY I ASK SOME CLARIFYING QUESTIONS? FIRST OF
25 ALL, I WANT TO THANK VANIR AS WELL AS THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT



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1 FOR PRODUCING THE INFORMATION THAT WE HAD ASKED IN A SHORT
2 PERIOD OF TIME BECAUSE IT'S REALLY HELPFUL TO OPENING UP
3 EXACTLY A BETTER UNDERSTANDING OF WHAT IT IS WE NEED TO BUILD
4 WHEN WE'RE READY TO BUILD IT AND TO AUTHORIZE IT. BUT LET ME
5 CLARIFY SOMETHING. AND I'M STILL HAVING A LITTLE BIT OF A
6 PROBLEM HAVING A COMPLETE UNDERSTANDING. IN THE VANIR REPORT,
7 YOU CONCLUDE THAT IN ORDER FOR OUR M7S TO SERVE 50 PERCENT OF
8 THEIR TIME, IS THAT CORRECT? 50 PERCENT OF THEIR TIME? I NEED
9 1,704 BEDS?

10

11 **ROB NASH:** YES. WELL IT'S NOT JUST THE M7S, IT'S ACTUALLY ALL
12 OF THE TRADITIONAL COUNTY SENTENCED INMATES. IT'S THE M7
13 POPULATION WHICH IS THE MOST SERIOUS O OFFENSES. BUT THOSE
14 THAT ARE SERVING THE 20 PERCENT AND THE 10 PERCENT.

15

16 **SUP. MOLINA:** WHICH ARE THE NON-M7S.

17

18 **ROB NASH:** THAT'S CORRECT.

19

20 **SUP. MOLINA:** DOES THAT RECONCILE WITH THE INFORMATION THAT'S
21 BEEN PRESENTED BY THE SHERIFF?

22

23 **ROB NASH:** THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT IS A SUBSET OF THAT NUMBER.

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1 **SUP. MOLINA:** SO YOU ARE TAKING THAT NUMBER AND IMPLEMENTING IT
2 OVER HERE.

3

4 **ROB NASH:** THAT'S CORRECT.

5

6 **SUP. MOLINA:** SO I WANT TO UNDERSTAND THAT. SO, BUT THE NUMBERS
7 DO SAY, BECAUSE YOU HAVE THIS FIRST ONE, IT SAYS MINIMUM TIME
8 SERVED. SO YOU'RE NOT DEALING WITH THE BREAKDOWN OF THE M7S,
9 THAT'S THE ONLY DIFFERENCE THERE?

10

11 **ROB NASH:** THAT'S CORRECT.

12

13 **SUP. MOLINA:** SO WHEN YOU GO TO GET THE M7S AS 100 PERCENT OF
14 TIME SERVED, YOU AGREE WITH THE SHERIFF'S NUMBERS OF 696 OR
15 700 BEDS?

16

17 **ROB NASH:** THOSE ARE THE NUMBERS THAT WERE SHARED WITH US.

18

19 **SUP. MOLINA:** NEW BEDS.

20

21 **ROB NASH:** THAT'S CORRECT.

22

23 **SUP. MOLINA:** SO IF WE GO TO THE 137 PERCENT AND WE WERE TO
24 REQUIRE IT AS YOU DO ACROSS-THE-BOARD, YOU CONCLUDE, AS WELL,
25 THAT WE NEED 1,748 NEW BEDS, CORRECT?



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2 **ROB NASH:** THAT'S CORRECT.

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4 **SUP. MOLINA:** ALL RIGHT. SO IF WE GO THROUGH THE MECHANISM
5 TODAY IN APPROVING THE SHERIFF FIRE CAMP PROPOSAL, WHICH IS
6 500 BEDS, CORRECT?

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8 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** CORRECT.

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10 **SUP. MOLINA:** THOSE ARE NEW BEDS, YES?

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12 **ROB NASH:** YES.

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14 **SUP. MOLINA:** SO AM I TO TAKE IT THAT THAT 500 I COULD TAKE OUT
15 OF THE 696? OKAY. I JUST WANT TO MAKE SURE I'M TRACKING THE
16 NUMBERS CORRECTLY BECAUSE I DON'T WANT LATER ON "THAT'S NOT
17 WHAT WE MEANT." AND THAT'S ALSO TRUE THAT THESE 500 BEDS I
18 COULD TAKE OUT OF THE 1,746, WHICH IS THE 137 PERCENT?

19

20 **ROB NASH:** I DON'T BELIEVE THAT THAT IS TRUE.

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22 **SUP. MOLINA:** WELL TELL ME WHY NOT.

23



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1 **ROB NASH:** BECAUSE ADDING THOSE ADDITIONAL BEDS AT THE FIRE
2 CAMPS DOES NOT REDUCE THE NUMBER OF BEDS AT N.C.C.F. OR
3 T.T.C.F. OR PITCHESS NORTH.

4

5 **SUP. MOLINA:** WHY NOT?

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7 **ROB NASH:** WELL, BECAUSE YOU'RE ADDING BEDS TO THE SYSTEM TO BE
8 ABLE TO ACCOMMODATE ADDITIONAL INMATES. BUT WE'RE NOT MOVING
9 INMATES OUT OF THOSE EFFECTIVE FACILITIES.

10

11 **SUP. MOLINA:** THAT'S WHAT I WANT TO UNDERSTAND. WHEN WE BUILD
12 OUR NEW JAIL, WHENEVER WE APPROVE THAT, AND I'M STILL ASKING
13 QUESTIONS WHEN I CONSIDER IT PROGRAM ALTHOUGH I DON'T KNOW
14 EXACTLY WHAT I MEAN BY THAT. I THINK I KEEP TRYING TO EXPLAIN
15 IT TO YOU ALL. I NEED TO KNOW LIKE THE MENTAL HEALTH COMPONENT
16 OF THE JAIL WILL BE SERVING MENTAL HEALTH NEEDS AND THERE WILL
17 BE SEVERITY LEVELS WITHIN THAT. WHEN WE LOOK AT M7S, WE KNOW
18 WHAT IT IS NOW, SINCE IT'S DEFINED OR WHATEVER, THE LEVEL OF
19 CRIME THAT THEY COMMITTED. AND WHAT WE'RE TRYING TO GET AT. OR
20 AT LEAST WHAT I'M TRYING TO GET AT AND THINK SUPERVISOR
21 ANTONOVICH IS ALSO TRYING TO GET AT IS HOW DO WE GET THEM TO
22 SERVE 100 PERCENT OF THEIR TIME? THAT THEY GET NO TIME OFF.
23 THAT THEY SERVE WHAT THEY'VE BEEN SENTENCED TO SERVE. AND IF
24 THERE ARE CONDITIONS, THE STATE LAW, CONSTITUTION ABOUT GOOD
25 TIME, I'M NOT OPPOSED TO THAT, I JUST DON'T WANT THEM TO BE



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1 MOVED OUT OF OUR JAILS BECAUSE WE DON'T HAVE ROOM. THAT'S WHAT
2 I'M TRYING TO GET TO. BUT I AM TRYING -- IT'S DIFFICULT FOR ME
3 TO UNDERSTAND IN THIS 137 PERCENT AS IT IS WHEN WE DO OUR NEW
4 CONFIGURATION OF OUR JAILS AS TO WHO GOES WHERE. THAT HAS TO
5 BE DEFINED FOR US AT SOME LEVEL. AND I TAKE IT THAT YOU MAKE A
6 DETERMINATION WHO GOES WHERE BASED ON A COUPLE OF THINGS.
7 NUMBER 1, WHAT KIND OF CRIME THEY COMMITTED. WHAT KIND OF
8 FELONS THEY ARE. WHAT KIND OF SPECIAL NEEDS THEY MAY HAVE.
9 AND, OF COURSE, AT THE END OF THE DAY, WHERE YOU HAVE ROOM FOR
10 THEM. SO, FROM ALL OF THAT, WE TAKE IT THAT WHEN YOU ADD 500,
11 THAT SHOULD ALLEVIATE SOMETHING OVER HERE. NOW, WE KNOW WHAT
12 THAT 500 IS. THAT 500 RIGHT NOW FOR THE MOST PART ARE PEOPLE
13 WHO CAN -- ARE THEY GOING TO BE THE 109ERS THAT ARE GOING IN
14 THERE?

15

16 **ROB NASH:** YES.

17

18 **SUP. MOLINA:** SO THE 109ERS HAVE TO COMPLETE THEIR FULL
19 SENTENCE THERE. RIGHT? SO IT'S NOT NECESSARILY NEW 109ERS.
20 OKAY. SO IT'S HARD FOR ME TO UNDERSTAND WHY THOSE 500 BEDS DO
21 NOT ADD TO MY BRINGING DOWN THE NUMBER OF THE 1,746. IT
22 SHOULD. I MEAN IF YOU DO BASIC MATH. YOU ADD 500, YOU KNOW,
23 YOU SUBTRACT IT FROM THE NEED MINUS 500 FROM 1,746. MY NEW
24 NUMBER SHOULD BE 1,246. BUT YOU'RE TELLING ME THAT'S NOT THE
25 CASE. SO EXPLAIN IT TO ME WHY IT'S NOT THE CASE.



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2 **ROB NASH:** SURE. THE REASON WHY WE CAN'T REDUCE THE PERCENTAGE,
3 REDUCE THE CAPACITIES IS BECAUSE YOU'RE USING THOSE 500 BEDS
4 TO ACCOMMODATE LONGER SENTENCES, ESSENTIALLY. OR INMATES
5 SERVING A GREATER PERCENTAGE OF THEIR TIME. SO AS AN INMATE
6 STAYS IN THE SYSTEM LONGER, THAT MEANS THERE ARE FEWER BEDS
7 AVAILABLE FOR THE INMATES ENTERING THE SYSTEM.

8

9 **SUP. MOLINA:** BUT DIDN'T YOU TAKE THAT INTO CONSIDERATION WAY
10 BACK WHEN YOU STARTED WITH YOUR FIRST CONFIGURATION OF NUMBERS
11 UNDER THIS 137 PERCENT, THOSE BEDS WERE NOT THERE AT THAT
12 TIME. AND YET THOSE 109ERS WERE PART OF THAT POPULATION.

13

14 **ROB NASH:** THE 109ERS WERE. AND THEY'RE GOING TO SERVE THEIR
15 SENTENCE, 100 PERCENT OF THEIR SENTENCE WHETHER THEY'RE IN
16 TAFT OR ANYWHERE ELSE. IT'S THE M7S AND THE OTHER TRADITIONAL
17 COUNTY SENTENCED INMATES THAT ARE GETTING OUT EARLY. SO AS
18 THAT POPULATION SERVES LONGER IT'S GOING TO REQUIRE ADDITIONAL
19 BEDS IN THE SYSTEM TO ACCOMMODATE THE SAME INMATES WHO ARE
20 ALREADY COMING IN.

21

22 **SUP. MOLINA:** I'M NOT GETTING THAT. I HOPE YOU ALL ARE. I KEEP
23 TRYING TO GET IT. MY DEPUTY IS EXPLAINING IT JUST AS YOU HAVE.
24 WHAT I DON'T UNDERSTAND IS THAT WE DID NOT HAVE THOSE BEDS IN
25 THE EQUATION ORIGINALLY AND YOU HAD GOTTEN US TO 137. YOU HAD



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1 UNDER THE CONFIGURATION OF ALL THESE UNEVEN NUMBERS. AND THEN
2 I SAID NO, GO TO A BLANKET 137 ACROSS. AND THEN WE GIVE YOU
3 500 BEDS. I MEAN, 500 BEDS ARE ADDED TO THE EQUATION AND A
4 DIFFERENT NUMBER DOESN'T COME OUT. THAT DOESN'T MAKE SENSE TO
5 ME.

6

7 **ROB NASH:** WELL, ONE WAY TO THINK ABOUT IT IS RIGHT NOW THE
8 SYSTEM IS ESSENTIALLY STABLE. THE SAME NUMBER OF INMATES ARE
9 ENTERING THE SYSTEM AS ARE EXITING THE SYSTEM. IF YOU'RE GOING
10 TO HAVE INMATES STAY LONGER, THEN THERE WILL BE FEWER BEDS
11 AVAILABLE FOR INMATES, THE SAME NUMBER OF INMATES ENTERING THE
12 SYSTEM.

13

14 **JOHN KUPRENAS:** MAYBE A WAY TO LOOK AT IT IS TO SAY YOU COULD
15 HAVE TWO PEOPLE STAY THREE DAYS AND NOT SIX OR YOU COULD HAVE
16 THREE PEOPLE STAY TWO DAYS AND IT'S STILL SIX. SO WE'RE
17 INCREASING THE DURATION OF THE PERSON'S STAY FROM 2 DAYS TO 3
18 DAYS WE'RE GOING TO NEED MORE SPACE.

19

20 **SUP. MOLINA:** THAT MAKES IT SOMEWHAT MORE UNDERSTANDABLE. BUT
21 DO YOU UNDERSTAND HOW THIS 500 BEDS? AND NOW I'M WORRIED THAT
22 HERE I AM GOING TO BE WORKING ON TRYING TO FIND MORE BEDS AND
23 YOUR ANSWER'S GOING TO BE THE SAME. SO IF I ADD 1,000, YOU'RE
24 SAYING BUT THAT'S NOT GOING TO ADD TO IT. SO I DON'T KNOW HOW
25 TO START CHIPPING AWAY AT THE 137 PERCENT. CAN YOU HELP ME



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1 FIGURE THAT OUT? I GUESS THAT'S THE NEXT QUESTION FOR YOUR TO
2 DO BEFORE YOU COME BACK IN MARCH BECAUSE I'M GOING TO LOOK.
3 LET'S SAY THAT WE LOOK AT THE TAFT ISSUE. TAFT IS ANOTHER 500
4 BEDS. BUT YOU'RE GOING TO SAY "WELL, NO, THAT'S SEPARATE
5 BECAUSE " THAT'S WHAT I'M WORRIED ABOUT. SO HERE I'M GOING TO
6 GO THROUGH SOME EFFORT TRYING TO FIND MORE BEDS AND I'M SURE
7 IN YOUR MATH WORLD THAT YOU'RE EXPLAINING TO ME THAT'S NOT
8 GOING TO BE REDUCED. SO I'M NEVER GOING TO GET THE 137 AND I
9 NEED TO. I THINK I NEED TO.

10

11 **TERRI MCDONALD:** WELL, MADAM SUPERVISOR, EVERYBODY IS GOING TO
12 GET A LITTLE FRUSTRATED BECAUSE POPULATION IS SO DYNAMIC.

13

14 **SUP. MOLINA:** I UNDERSTAND. BUT RIGHT NOW WE'RE DEALING WITH A
15 POPULATION THAT'S STABLE, LET'S SAY.

16

17 **TERRI MCDONALD:** IF EVERYTHING STAYS STABLE, MADAM, IF WE GO TO
18 THE FIRE CAMP 500 BEDS, IF WE DIDN'T BACKFILL THE 500 BEDS
19 WITH THE M7, THEN WE WOULD REDUCE. JUST LIKE YOU'RE
20 RECOMMENDING WE DO. MAKES PERFECT SENSE. IF WE DECIDE TO
21 BACKFILL THEM, THEN IT REMAINS STABLE.

22

23 **SUP. MOLINA:** BUT IF I LOOK AT THESE TWO NUMBERS IN ISOLATION
24 AND EVEN TOGETHER, I HAVE TO SAY I NEED 1,700 BEDS IN ORDER



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1 FOR PEOPLE, ALL OF THEM, TO SERVE 100 PERCENT OF THEIR TIME.

2 THAT'S WHAT I NEED, RIGHT? UNDER THE VANIR REPORT.

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4 **ROB NASH:** 50 PERCENT ACTUALLY.

5

6 **SUP. MOLINA:** OH, THAT'S TRUE. 50 PERCENT. 1,700 FOR EVERYONE
7 TO SERVE. BUT THEN WHEN I LOOK AT THE 137, AND WHILE THE
8 NUMBER IS VERY SIMILAR 1,746, IT'S ADDITIONAL 1,746. SO YOU
9 WERE LOOKING RIGHT NOW AT OVER 3,400 NEW BEDS THAT I WOULD
10 HAVE TO ADD IN ORDER TO MEET THOSE TWO GUIDELINES. AND THAT'S
11 STILL NOT 100 PERCENT. THAT'S 50 PERCENT, CORRECT?

12

13 **ROB NASH:** THAT'S CORRECT.

14

15 **SUP. MOLINA:** SO WHAT YOU NOW NEED TO DO FOR ME IS YOU NEED TO
16 DO THE MATH THE OTHER WAY AROUND. SO IF I ADD BEDS, LIKE I
17 THINK I'M DOING UNDER THIS FIRE CONTRACT, YOU NEED TO TELL ME
18 IF I'M CHIPPING AWAY AT THAT 3,400 OR NOT.

19

20 **ROB NASH:** YOU ARE CHIPPING AWAY AT THE 3,400. IT'S A QUESTION
21 OF WHERE YOU WANT TO APPLY THEM.

22

23 **SUP. MOLINA:** BUT YOU JUST TOLD ME I'M NOT FOR THE 137 PERCENT
24 WITH THE 500 NEW BEDS.

25



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1 **ROB NASH:** YOU'RE CHIPPING AWAY AT THE 3,400 BECAUSE ROUGHLY
2 HALF OF THAT WAS ATTRIBUTED TO INCREASING PERCENTAGE OF TIME
3 SERVED.

4
5 **SUP. MOLINA:** YOU NEED TO DO THAT BREAKDOWN IN SOME
6 MATHEMATICAL WAY THAT IS UNDERSTOOD SO THAT WHEN WE ARE LOOK
7 AT A MENU OF WHAT WE ARE GOING TO DO, I WANT THEM TO SERVE 50
8 PERCENT OF THEIR TIME, I KNOW IT WILL COST SO MUCH MONEY. IF I
9 WANT TO APPROVE TAFT, I WILL ADD THAT TO THE EQUATION, WHERE
10 WILL IT FIT? IT WILL COST ME SO MUCH MONEY. HOW DOES IT AFFECT
11 THESE TWO NUMBERS? MORE TIME AND OF COURSE THE 137 WHICH STILL
12 IS ABOVE WHAT IT SHOULD BE BUT IT'S BETTER. AND IF WE LOOK AT
13 OTHER OPTIONS, I NEED TO KNOW IN YOUR MATH WORLD, HOWEVER YOU
14 DO IT SINCE I DON'T KNOW ENOUGH ABOUT THIS, AS TO HOW THAT
15 BRINGS DOWN THESE KINDS OF NUMBERS. BECAUSE AS YOU SEE THE
16 NUMBERS THAT YOU PUT ACROSS AND THE TOTAL OF MILLIONS, IT'S A
17 LOT OF MONEY. IT'S A LOT OF MONEY. YET AT THE SAME TIME, SINCE
18 I DON'T KNOW ALL OF THE CONFIGURATION AND WE'RE STILL STUDYING
19 ALL OF THAT, I DON'T KNOW ALL OF IT. I WANT TO GET A BETTER
20 UNDERSTANDING OF HOW WE'RE GOING TO APPLY THIS WHEN WE MAKE
21 THE DETERMINATION OF WHAT KIND OF FACILITY WE'RE GOING TO
22 BUILD, WHAT KIND OF EXPENDITURE WE'RE GOING TO MAKE AND WHAT
23 THE PROGRAM CONTENT IS GOING TO BE SO THAT I AM HAVING THE
24 WORST OFFENDERS SERVE THEIR MAXIMUM AMOUNT OF TIME AND THOSE
25 THAT NEED TREATMENT AND ARE GOING TO BE IN THEIR PROPER PLACE



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1 SO I HAVE A BETTER UNDERSTANDING-- I CONSIDER THAT PROGRAM, I
2 DON'T KNOW WHAT THAT IS BUT I CONSIDER THAT SO AT LEAST I KNOW
3 THAT WE'VE IDENTIFIED A CERTAIN TYPE OF A FELON THAT IS NO
4 MATTER WHAT HE'S GOING TO SERVE 100 PERCENT OF HIS TIME. HE
5 MIGHT HAVE A MENTAL HEALTH PROBLEM. BUT HE'S STILL SERVING 100
6 PERCENT OF HIS TIME. SO THERE ARE GOING TO BE SUBSETS THAT GO
7 INTO THAT. SO WE'RE GOING TO NEED THAT INFORMATION SO THAT I
8 KNOW THAT THE PROGRAM CONTENT, AT LEAST AS I SEE PROGRAM, IS
9 WHO GOES WHERE AND HOW DOES THAT WORK? AND WHERE DOES THE MATH
10 GO? AND YOU ALMOST HAVE TO LOOK AT WHEN YOU TALK ABOUT
11 REBUILDING MEN'S CENTRAL JAIL, YOU HAVE TO ALMOST LOOK AT THE
12 WHOLE IN ORDER FOR US TO HAVE A BETTER UNDERSTANDING. AND
13 THAT'S WHAT I'M TRYING TO DO. SO THIS IS THE ISOLATION OF OH,
14 HERE SPEND 1.4 BILLION DOLLARS, BUILD YOURSELF A NEW JAIL. I
15 DON'T KNOW AT THE END OF THE DAY WHAT I'M GETTING. WHAT I
16 WANT, WHAT I WOULD PREFER IF I BUILD A NEW JAIL, I'M GOING TO
17 SPEND THAT KIND OF MONEY, I PREFER THAT EVERYBODY SERVED 100
18 PERCENT OF THEIR TIME. I WOULD PREFER THAT EVERYBODY GET THE
19 SERVICES THAT THEY DESERVE, PARTICULARLY THE MENTAL HEALTH AND
20 HEALTHCARE NEEDS THAT ARE THERE. AND SO ON. SO THAT'S THE MATH
21 I NEED. I DO NEED TO LOOK AT OPTIONS BECAUSE WHETHER IT BE THE
22 FIRE CAMPS OR TAFT OR OTHER OPTIONS WHICH I'M GOING TO MAKE A
23 MOTION IN A WHILE THAT WE DO NEED TO LOOK AT OTHER OPTIONS OF
24 WHAT IS POSSIBLE. I KNOW THERE'S ALSO SOME CONFLICTING STATE
25 LAW THAT DOESN'T ALLOW YOU TO MOVE YOUR 107S TO CERTAIN



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1 PLACES. WE NEED TO KNOW THAT. I CONSIDER THAT PROGRAM CONTENT,
2 THAT LIMIT. WHILE AT THE SAME TIME THIS IS SOMETHING THAT
3 SHOULD BE LEFT TO LAW ENFORCEMENT TO MAKE A DETERMINATION ON
4 AND I AGREE, THEY'RE THE ONES THAT SHOULD DO IT. I HARDLY KNOW
5 HOW TO DO IT. I'M BEING ASKED ON MY SIDE OF THE TABLE TO PUT
6 THE RESOURCES TOGETHER TO BUILD SOMETHING. TO BUILD SOMETHING
7 THAT IN ORDER FOR ME TO UNDERSTAND WHAT KIND OF LEVEL OF MONEY
8 AND COMMITMENT I NEED TO MAKE AS TO WHAT WE'RE BUILDING, I
9 HAVE TO HAVE A BETTER UNDERSTANDING AS CITIZENS DO AS TO
10 WHAT'S COMING OUT AT THE END OF THE DAY. THE WORST PART OF ALL
11 OF IT WOULD BE THAT WE SPEND 1.4 BILLION DOLLARS AND WE REALLY
12 DIDN'T TREND THIS WELL ENOUGH TO UNDERSTAND CLEARLY THAT, OH,
13 YOU DON'T GET ANYTHING ELSE. YOU'RE STILL OVER CAPACITY IN
14 MOST OF YOUR FACILITIES. YOU STILL DON'T HAVE OR ARE MEETING
15 ALL THE MENTAL HEALTH NEEDS OF ALL THESE PEOPLE FOR ALL THE
16 FOLLOWING REASONS. AND THE WORST PART ABOUT IT WOULD BE IS NO
17 PRISONER IS SERVING THE MAXIMUM THEY SHOULD BE SERVING AS
18 SENTENCED BY A JUDGE. SO WE NEED TO GET SOME MOVEMENT IN THAT
19 AREA FOR ME TO MAKE THIS INVESTMENT IN A WAY THAT'S VALUABLE
20 FOR THE KIND OF OUTCOME THAT EVERYBODY'S LOOKING AT FOR PUBLIC
21 SAFETY. SO THOSE IMPORTANT ISSUES. AND THEN JUST ONE FINAL
22 THING THAT GOES WITH IT. I THINK WE WERE SORT OF SHOCKED WITH
23 THE D.O.J. ISSUE WITH REGARD TO THE MENTAL HEALTH NEEDS. IN
24 THE VANIR REPORT, THERE WAS SOME MENTION OF IT. I KNOW LATER
25 ON WE LOOKED, WE ASKED VANIR TO COME AND LOOK AT ALL THE WHAT



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1 WE WANTED TO DO WE INCLUDED THE MENTAL HEALTH NEEDS AND THE
2 HEALTHCARE NEEDS OF THESE PRISONERS AND THEN IT WAS LATER,
3 THERE WAS A MOTION THAT WAS SEPARATELY DONE TO LOOK AT
4 EXCLUSIVELY THAT AND BRING US SOMETHING BACK. SO WHAT IS
5 SURPRISING ABOUT ALL OF IT IS HAVE YOU LOOKED AT THESE REPORTS
6 BECAUSE THEY'RE VERY SPECIFIC ABOUT WHAT D.O.J. WANTS. I KNOW
7 YOU DON'T NEED MORE WORK TO DO. THERE ARE A LOT OF PEOPLE,
8 INCLUDING MYSELF, THAT ARE IN THE PROCESS OF REVIEWING THESE
9 REPORTS. AND I'M REALLY SHOCKED BY WHAT SOME OF THESE REQUESTS
10 ARE AND THEY REALLY REQUIRE YOU TO LOOK AT A MENTAL HEALTH
11 COMPONENT THAT MAY BE NOT WHAT YOU'RE BUILDING OR
12 RECOMMENDING. AND I'M NERVOUS ABOUT THAT. AND I DON'T KNOW
13 WHAT LEVEL THE SHERIFF HAS PARTICIPATED IN THAT BECAUSE SOME
14 OF US THINK YOU KNOW AND SOME OF THEM STILL DON'T KNOW. HAVE
15 NO IDEA THE C.A.O.'S OFFICE OR ANYONE ELSE IS DOING. SO I'M
16 CONCERNED ABOUT THAT COMPONENT. SO YOU NEED TO RECONCILE THAT
17 FOR ME WITH THOSE D.O.J. FINDINGS THAT ARE VERY TROUBLESOME
18 RIGHT NOW. BECAUSE WE KNOW THAT AS YOU BUILD THIS MENTAL
19 HEALTH FACILITY, AND THE KIND OF LEVEL OF NEED THAT WE'RE
20 GOING TO HAVE IS GOING TO REQUIRE OTHER TRIGGERS THAT THIS
21 BOARD MAY NOT KNOW YET FROM THE STANDPOINT OF HAVING TO MEET
22 OTHER STATE RESPONSIBILITIES AND STATE NEEDS. BILL FUJIOKA
23 POINTED OUT THAT ONCE YOU BUILD A HOSPITAL, YOU'RE TALKING
24 ABOUT A WHOLE DIFFERENT LEVEL. AND WHEN YOU'RE ASKING FOR
25 ACUTE BEDS, THAT'S WHAT YOU WERE TALKING ABOUT, IS ALMOST A



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1 CERTAIN LEVEL. SO I HOPE YOU'RE TAKING INTO CONSIDERATION AS
2 YOU LOOK AT THAT WHAT IS IT THE STATE IS GOING TO COME IN AND
3 SAY "WELL NOW YOU GOT TO BE THIS KIND OF FACILITY, YOU GOT TO
4 LICENSE IT AT THIS LEVEL, YOU HAVE TO HAVE IT STAFFED UP TO
5 THIS POTENTIAL, YOU HAVE TO HAVE THESE KIND OF SPECIFICS" THAT
6 HAS TO BE TAKEN INTO CONSIDERATION. BUT ON TOP OF THAT YOU
7 HAVE D.O.J. SAYING OH AND BY THE WAY YOU SHOULD ALSO DO THE
8 FOLLOWING THING. SO THAT NEEDS TO BE RECONCILED. I KNOW THAT'S
9 A LOT OF WORK FOR YOU, BUT WE WERE AS SHOCKED AS ANYONE ABOUT
10 IT. YOU HAD HAD SOME INFORMATION ABOUT IT. BUT I DON'T KNOW IF
11 YOU HAVE SEEN THESE REPORTS THAT HAVE AN AWFUL LOT OF DETAIL
12 IN THEM AND THEY WERE ABOUT TWO FEET HIGH.

13

14 **ROB NASH:** WE HAVE NOT SEEN THOSE REPORTS. WE'VE SEEN THE SORT
15 OF SUMMARY DOCUMENT.

16

17 **SUP. MOLINA:** I THINK YOU NEED TO SEE THE REPORTS.

18

19 **ROB NASH:** I AGREE.

20

21 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** WELL, IF I MAY, MADAM
22 SUPERVISOR, WE CAUSED THAT TO BE THE INSTRUCTION PURSUANT TO
23 51-A. THEY'RE OBLIGED TO REVIEW THAT AND THE NEXT REPORT THAT
24 COMES TO OUR ATTENTION HAS TO BE INCLUSIVE OF YOUR REVIEW AND
25 A COMPREHENSIVE COLLABORATION WITH THE STATED ENTITIES



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1 INVOLVED. THERE WILL BE NO REASON FOR NOT HAVING REVIEWED IT.
2 THOSE ARE EXPLICIT INSTRUCTIONS FROM THE BOARD AS ENACTED
3 TODAY.

4

5 **ROB NASH:** I UNDERSTAND.

6

7 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. ANYTHING
8 FURTHER TO COME FORWARD, SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH? SUPERVISOR
9 MOLINA?

10

11 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** THE FOLLOWUP ON THAT IS WE HAD THE
12 COORDINATION THE MENTAL HEALTH ISSUE WHICH WE HAD BEEN
13 CONCERNED ABOUT AND ADDRESSING IN THE FINAL CONFIGURATION THAT
14 WILL COME BEFORE THE BOARD, IT'S INCLUDED. AS MENTIONED WITH
15 THE D.O.J., THEIR INTEREST THAT THEY COORDINATED THE RESPONSE
16 SO THAT THEY KNOW THAT THIS ISSUE IS BEING ADDRESSED WHEN WE
17 ADOPT THE FINAL PROJECT OF THE JAIL CONSTRUCTION RELATIVE TO
18 THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT, MS. MCDONALD, YOU STATED THAT M7
19 INMATES, THOSE ARE THE SERIOUS AND VIOLENT CHARGES WHO ARE
20 SERVING ONLY 40 PERCENT OF THEIR SENTENCES WHICH I UNDERSTAND
21 IS CLOSER TO 19 TO 20 PERCENT OF THEIR ORIGINAL SENTENCE AFTER
22 ALL THE CREDITS ARE APPLIED. AND I WANT TO THANK YOU AND YOUR
23 STAFF FOR ALL OF THE WORK IN GIVING US THAT SNAPSHOT OF THE
24 M7S. THEIR CHARGES AND PERCENTAGES, FOR EXAMPLE, ANNOYING OR
25 MOLESTING CHILDREN, SERVING LESS THAN 20 PERCENT OF THEIR



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1 TIME. SPOUSAL ABUSE, LESS THAN 20 PERCENT OF THEIR TIME.
2 MANSLAUGHTER, LESS THAN 20 PERCENT OF THEIR TIME. AND YOUR
3 REPORT INDICATES THAT APPROXIMATELY 700 BEDS ARE NEEDED TO
4 FULFILL THE M7 POPULATION TO SERVE THEIR FULL SENTENCE. WHAT
5 WOULD BE THE COMBINED EFFECT ON THE PERCENTAGES OF TIMES
6 SERVED BY THE M7S IF YOU HAVE THE FIRE CAMP CONTRACT AND THE
7 ADDITIONAL 500 BEDS WHICH WOULD BE A CONTRACT WITH TAFT?

8

9 **TERRI MCDONALD:** THAT WILL SUFFICE. ASSUMING, I'M SORRY, MR.
10 SUPERVISOR, ASSUMING OUR PROJECTIONS ARE ACCURATE.

11

12 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** AND I SUPPORT THE FIRE CAMPS BECAUSE IT GIVES
13 THE INMATES THE OPPORTUNITY TO ACQUIRE THE NECESSARY SKILLS
14 AND GET BACK TO THE COMMUNITY AND THE DISCIPLINE THAT THEY GET
15 FROM OUR FIRE DEPARTMENT IS SECOND TO NONE. THOSE LASTING
16 VALUES AND RESPONSIBILITIES AND DISCIPLINE COULD ENABLE THEM
17 TO BECOME A PRODUCTIVE CITIZEN INSTEAD OF DESTRUCTIVE ONE.
18 COULD YOU TELL US ABOUT THE AGE AND OVERALL CONDITIONS OF THE
19 EAST FACILITY.

20

21 **TERRI MCDONALD:** IT IS ELIGIBLE FOR SOCIAL SECURITY NOW AT 62
22 YEARS OLD.

23

24 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** NOT BAD. THAT'S A YOUNG AGE.

25



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1 **TERRI MCDONALD:** ACTUALLY THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT HAS DONE A
2 GOOD JOB OF KEEPING THE FACILITY UP AND RUNNING. BUT IT'S A
3 FACILITY THAT NEEDS INFRASTRUCTURE IMPROVEMENTS WHETHER IT'S
4 WATER OR ROOFS OR WHATEVER. IT'S AN AGED FACILITY.

5

6 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** WHY DOES THE PITCHESS EAST COST 10 MILLION
7 DOLLARS MORE TO OPERATE ANNUALLY THAN THE CONTRACT WITH TAFT?

8

9 **TERRI MCDONALD:** I THINK TWO ISSUES. ONE IS DESIGN OF THE
10 FACILITY. FACILITIES CAN BE DESIGNED IN A WAY THAT REDUCE
11 STAFFING COSTS BECAUSE YOU GET BETTER DIRECT SUPERVISION. SO
12 THAT'S ONE. TWO IS THE AMOUNT OF SALARY THE L.A. COUNTY
13 EMPLOYEES MAKE VERSUS THE TAFT CITY EMPLOYEES. THERE'S GOING
14 TO BE A DIFFERENCE IN SALARY.

15

16 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** AND WHAT TYPE OF PROGRAMS WOULD TAFT BE
17 REQUIRED TO PROVIDE UNDER THE CONTRACT?

18

19 **TERRI MCDONALD:** AS PART OF THE CONTRACT, THEY'RE REQUIRED TO
20 PROVIDE EDUCATIONAL VOCATIONAL PROGRAMMING.

21

22 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** AND THE REPORT POSES A SENSE OF URGENCY. IF
23 WE WERE TO SECURE TAFT FOR PURPOSES DUE TO THE STATE'S OWN
24 NEED FOR CONTRACT BEDS, HOWEVER THE STATE HAS GREATER
25 CONTRACTING OPTIONS THAN THE COUNTY, FOR EXAMPLE, WE CAN'T



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1 CONTRACT FOR OUT OF STATE BEDS WHEREAS THE STATE HAS AND CAN.
2 AND WE CAN ONLY CONTRACT WITH PUBLIC COMMUNITY CORRECTIONAL
3 FACILITIES, ONE OF WHICH IS TAFT. AND I UNDERSTAND THAT TAFT
4 REMAINS INTERESTED IN THIS CONTRACT WITH THE COUNTY BUT THEY
5 ARE NOT GOING TO WAIT AROUND BECAUSE OF THE STATE'S NEED TO
6 EXPLORE GETTING ADDITIONAL CONTRACTED BEDS WITHIN THE STATE.
7 WE HAVE A QUESTION EITHER SPENDING 20 MILLION DOLLARS-PLUS TO
8 OPEN UP MORE JAILS AT PITCHESS EAST OR 11.3 MILLION TO
9 CONTRACT WITH TAFT. IN EITHER CASE, THE FOCUS IS TO BE ON
10 SERVING THE M7 POPULATION THAT THEY SERVED THEIR FULL SENTENCE
11 AND WE NEED THE COMMITMENT BY THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT TO THAT
12 END. WHAT IS THE CURRENT STATUS OF TAFT?

13

14 **TERRI MCDONALD:** IT'S EMPTY. WE TALKED TO THEM OVER THE WEEKEND
15 OF THE THEY THINK THEY'LL HAVE STAFF IN PLACE AND TRAINED
16 WITHIN 45 DAYS OF SIGNING A CONTRACT BUT CURRENTLY IT'S EMPTY.

17

18 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** IS THE SHERIFF PREPARED TO HAVE M7S SERVE
19 THEIR FULL SENTENCE PROVIDED HE HAS THE FIRE CAMP AND THE
20 ADDITIONAL 500 BEDS?

21

22 **TERRI MCDONALD:** YES, SIR.

23

24 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** MR. FUJIOKA, IF THE BOARD ACTS TO REDUCE THE
25 OVERCROWDING AND WE HAVE THE M7S SERVE ADDITIONAL TIME, WE ALL



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1 KNOW IT REQUIRES THE FUNDING AND WE ALSO KNOW THAT SOME OF THE
2 JAIL COMMISSION RECOMMENDATIONS REQUIRE GENERAL FUND DOLLARS.
3 I DON'T WANT THESE TWO ACTIONS TO COMPETE BECAUSE THEY ARE
4 BOTH EQUALLY IMPORTANT AND PART OF THE SAME EQUATION WHEN YOU
5 GET DOWN TO IT. SO THE QUESTION IS: THE TAFT CONTRACT THAT'S
6 GOING TO BE FUNDED USING A.B.109 FUNDS LAST YEAR, IS THERE ANY
7 REASON WHY A.B.109 FUNDS COULD NOT BE USED THIS YEAR?

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9 **C.E.O. FUJIOKA:** THERE'S A YES AND NO TO THAT. I DON'T MEAN TO
10 BE VAGUE. BUT, YES, IT COULD. WE CAN USE THE 109 FUNDS. BUT
11 RECOGNIZING THAT IF WE SHOULD THOSE SAME FUNDS ARE CURRENTLY
12 USED TO SUPPORT THE SHERIFF PROGRAMS AND STAFF THAT ARE
13 CURRENTLY IN THE JAILS. BECAUSE RIGHT NOW THE MONEY THAT WAS
14 IDENTIFIED FOR TAFT OVER A YEAR AGO HAS BEEN UTILIZED IN THE
15 SHERIFF'S OVERALL BUDGET FOR CUSTODIAL CUSTODY CARE. CUSTODY
16 CARE.

17

18 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** I WANT TO OFFER THIS FOLLOWING MOTION THAT
19 SUPERVISOR KNABE IS COAUTHORING THIS WITH ME. "ACCORDING TO
20 RECENT RECORDS PROVIDED BY THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT M7
21 INMATES. THE MORE SERIOUS AND VIOLENT TRADITIONAL COUNTY-
22 SENTENCED INMATES ARE SERVING APPROXIMATELY 40 PERCENT OF THE
23 REMAINING SENTENCES ONCE CREDITS INCLUDING GOOD TIME WORK ARE
24 APPLIED. THE SERIOUS AND VIOLENT CHARGES FACED BY THESE
25 INMATES INCLUDE CRIMES INCLUDING RAPE, KIDNAPPING, MAYHEM,



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1 CHILD ABUSE, CHILD MOLESTATION, NEGLECT DISCHARGE OF A
2 FIREARM, ROBBERY AND AGGRAVATED ASSAULT. ACCORDING TO THE
3 VANIR REPORT, THERE ARE APPROXIMATELY 1,334 TRADITIONAL COUNTY
4 INMATES AND OVER 6,100 INMATES SENTENCED TO COUNTY JAIL DUE TO
5 RE-ALIGNMENT. THE EARLY RELEASE OF INMATES IS A FUNCTION OF
6 SPACE AND BUDGETARY RESTRAINTS THAT EXISTED PRIOR TO RE-
7 ALIGNMENT BUT WAS COMPOUNDED BY RE-ALIGNMENT. THE JAIL SYSTEM
8 IS ONE OF THE WAYS THE COUNTY FULFILLS ITS OBLIGATION TO
9 PROTECT THE SAFETY OF ITS CITIZENS, RELEASING SUCH SERIOUS
10 VIOLENT INMATES IN THE COMMUNITY EARLY DILUTES JUSTICE FOR THE
11 VICTIMS, UNDERMINES THE JUSTICE SYSTEM AS A WHOLE WHICH
12 INVOLVES OUR MANY JUSTICE PARTNERS WHO INVEST A TREMENDOUS
13 AMOUNT OF TIMES AND RESOURCES BEFORE THE OFFENDER REACHES THE
14 SENTENCING PHASE. SO WE WOULD MOVE THAT THE BOARD DIRECT THE
15 SHERIFF WORKING WITH THE COUNTY COUNSEL AND THE CHIEF
16 EXECUTIVE OFFICER TO TAKE THE APPROPRIATE STEPS TO REVIEW AND
17 RENEW AS APPROPRIATE THE CONTRACT THAT WAS NEGOTIATED WITH
18 TAFT ONE YEAR AGO AND PLACE IT ON THE BOARD'S OCTOBER 8TH
19 AGENDA FOR CONSIDERATION."

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21 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** ALL RIGHT. SUPERVISOR MOLINA,
22 YOU HAVE AN AMENDED MOTION, IS THAT CORRECT?

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24 **SUP. MOLINA:** I DO. AND I WOULD LIKE TO READ THIS IN, AND AGAIN
25 THIS GOES TO THE WHOLE ISSUE THAT WE'RE APPROVING THESE



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1 CONTRACT. BUT I WANT AN IMPLEMENTATION PLAN JUST FOR THE
2 TRACKING ISSUE THAT I DON'T UNDERSTAND AND I WANT TO
3 UNDERSTAND. I NEED TO KNOW WHEN THEY'RE GOING TO GO IN THERE,
4 WHO'S GOING TO GO IN THERE, HOW LONG THEY'RE DOING IT AND WHAT
5 THIS MEANS. I TAKE IT THEY'RE 109ERS THAT ARE GOING TO BE
6 PERMANENT FOR A CERTAIN PERIOD OF TIME. AS STABLE AS IT CAN
7 BE. I NEED TO KNOW THAT. I'M ALSO ASKING FOR US TO LOOK AT
8 OTHER TAFT OPPORTUNITIES A.S.A.P. BECAUSE IF WE'RE GOING TO
9 START ADDING TO IT, INSTEAD OF BUILDING A BIGGER SPACE WHICH
10 IS ALSO GOING TO COST US MONEY WHICH IS SOMETHING WE MIGHT
11 LOOK AT OR IS IT BETTER TO GO OUTSIDE AND LOOK AT THAT? I
12 DON'T KNOW. I KEEP HEARING ON THE 109ER ISSUE IT'S GOING TO
13 START DECREASING BUT I DON'T KNOW. SO I DON'T KNOW WHAT TO
14 PLAN FOR THE TRENDING THAT I NEED TO DO. SO YOU NEED TO HELP
15 ME WITH IT. THREE THINGS I'M ASKING IS PRIOR TO THE TRANSFER
16 OF INMATES TO THE FIRE CAMPS THE SHERIFF IS REQUESTED TO
17 REPORT ON AN IMPLEMENTATION PLAN SPECIFYING HOW THESE
18 ADDITIONAL FIRE CAMP BEDS WOULD INCREASE PERCENTAGE OF TIME
19 SERVED BY THE M7 POPULATION. BUT IN PARTICULAR HOW YOU'RE
20 GOING TO IMPLEMENT IT. RIGHT? THE IMPLEMENTATION PLAN SPECIFY
21 HOW PERCENTAGE OF TIME SERVED BY THE M7 INMATE POPULATION
22 WOULD BE INCREASED IN THE EVENT THAT ADDITIONAL BEDS ARE
23 SECURED FROM COMMUNITY CORRECTIONAL FACILITIES BY THE COUNTY.
24 SO THAT GOES TO THIS MATH QUESTION. AND THIRD OF ALL, THE
25 C.E.O. IS REQUESTED TO REPORT BACK ON THE BED AVAILABILITY OF



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1 OTHER PUBLIC COMMUNITY CORRECTIONAL FACILITIES AND
2 OPPORTUNITIES TO CONTRACT WITH THE COUNTY WITHIN TWO WEEKS.
3 THAT MEANS PUTTING IN A CALL TO THOSE FOLKS. I DON'T KNOW IF
4 WE NEED TO START NEGOTIATIONS, BUT JUST TO GET IS THERE A BED
5 AVAILABLE? WHAT DOES IT COST? WHAT WOULD WE NEED TO DO? I
6 DON'T THINK IT WOULD BE THAT HARD TO GET THAT INFORMATION. BUT
7 WE NEED TO KNOW THE AVAILABILITY OF IT AT ALL SO WE CAN PLAY
8 WITH THESE NUMBERS IF WE'RE GOING TO MAKE THOSE ADJUSTMENTS.
9 SO THAT IS MY AMENDMENT TO SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH'S MOTION.

10

11 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** AND IT'S A GOOD AMENDMENT.

12

13 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** ALL RIGHT. IT'S BEEN ACCEPTED BY
14 SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH, THE MAKER OF THE MOTION. TO INCORPORATE
15 THE AMENDMENTS OFFERED BY SUPERVISOR MOLINA. ARE THERE ANY
16 OTHER COMMENTS BY MEMBERS OF THE BOARD? THERE ARE SEVERAL
17 PERSONS WHO WISH TO BE HEARD AT THIS TIME ON ITEM S-3.

18

19 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** COULD I HAVE A CORRECTION? MS. MCDONALD IS
20 SAYING OCTOBER 8TH DATE SHOULD NOT BE OCTOBER 8TH. WHAT DATE
21 ARE YOU SUGGESTING?

22

23 **TERRI MCDONALD:** WELL, WE CAN WORK ALL WEEK AND TRY TO GET BACK
24 NEXT WEEK IF YOU'D LIKE US TO. WE'RE TALKING ABOUT TAFT,
25 CORRECT?



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2 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** YES.

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4 **ASST. SHERIFF MCDONALD:** AND THEN I HAVE ONE MORE CONTRACT. IS
5 FIRE CAMP CONTRACT MOVING THROUGH TODAY?

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7 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** YES.

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9 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** I DON'T THINK THAT'S THE CASE.
10 MADAM EXECUTIVE OFFICER?

11

12 **SACHI HAMAI, EXEC. OFFICER:** ITEM 25 IS STILL ON THE TABLE.
13 WE'LL TAKE THAT UP AFTER PUBLIC COMMENT BECAUSE THESE TWO ARE
14 BEING HEARD TOGETHER.

15

16 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** THE DATE YOU WOULD BE NEXT WEEK. BECAUSE SHE
17 SAID OCTOBER 8TH IS TOO LATE.

18

19 **TERRI MCDONALD:** WE'LL REPORT BACK NEXT WEEK.

20

21 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** THANK YOU, MR. CHAIRMAN.

22

23 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** ALL RIGHT. THERE ARE SEVERAL
24 PERSONS WHO WISH TO BE HEARD ON S-3. AND IN TANDEM WITH ITEM
25 25. THEY ARE AS FOLLOWS: KELLY DELGADO, IS KELLY STILL HERE?



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1 DIANA ZUNIGA? MARY SUTTON, SHEILA PINKEL. SIDNEY ROSS-RISDEN.
2 ARNOLD SACHS. ERIC PREVEN. THERE ARE APPROXIMATELY 25 PERSONS
3 WISHING TO BE HEARD. I WOULD REQUEST THAT YOU GOVERN YOURSELF
4 ACCORDINGLY. LADIES, YOU HAVE THE FLOOR. PLEASE PROCEED.

5

6 **KELLY DELGADO:** GOOD AFTERNOON. I I'M HERE TO ASK THAT YOU
7 PLEASE NOT PUT MORE FUNDING TOWARD JAIL OR BEDS BUT TOWARDS
8 COMMUNITY-BASED REHABILITATION SOLUTIONS. I UNDERSTAND THAT
9 OVER 80 PERCENT OF THE WOMEN IN COUNTY JAIL ARE SERVING TIME
10 FOR DRUG-RELATED OR PETTY CRIMES. MY SISTER IS AN EXAMPLE OF
11 THIS. SHE WAS ARRESTED ON JUNE 2ND WITH HER FIVE-MONTH OLD
12 BABY IN THE CAR. HER DAUGHTER WAS IMMEDIATELY PLACED INTO
13 FOSTER CARE AND NOT WITH RESPONSIBLE RELATIVES. CASSIDY HAS
14 BEEN PLACED IN THREE DIFFERENT FOSTER HOUSES IN THE LAST THREE
15 MONTHS WHILE MY SISTER CONTINUES TO FIGHT FOR REUNIFICATION
16 PROGRAM. CINDY WAS GRANTED THE OPPORTUNITY TO COMPLETE SIX
17 MONTHS AND 13 DAYS AT PACIFICA HOUSE, A REHABILITATION CENTER,
18 INSTEAD OF DOING JAIL TIME AND THIS IS BECAUSE SHE FOUGHT FOR
19 IT AND OUR FAMILY SUPPORTED HER. WHILE CINDY STAYED AT LYNWOOD
20 CORRECTIONAL FACILITY, SHE MET OTHER WOMEN WHOSE CHILDREN WERE
21 ALSO PLACED INTO FOSTER CARE OR FAST-TRACK ADOPTION. WE DO NOT
22 NEED MORE JAILS OR BEDS. WE NEED THESE FUNDS TO GO INTO OTHER
23 ALTERNATIVES. ALSO WHILE CINDY WAS IN LYNWOOD CORRECTIONAL
24 FACILITY, THERE WAS -- ALL RIGHT. THANK YOU.

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1 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** WE THANK YOU FOR YOUR TESTIMONY.
2 BELL' TAKE THE NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE. YES.

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4 **DIANA ZUNIGA:** MY NAME'S DIANA ZUNIGA AGAIN AND I'M FROM
5 CALIFORNIAN'S UNITED FOR A RESPONSIBLE BUDGET. I WANT TO THANK
6 SUPERVISOR KNABE AND SUPERVISOR MARK RIDLEY-THOMAS FOR
7 ACTUALLY LISTENING TO THAT TESTIMONY. SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH
8 AND YAROSLAVSKY, I KNOW THAT YOU BOTH WERE HAVING
9 CONVERSATIONS.

10

11 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** ADDRESS THE CHAIR.

12

13 **DIANA ZUNIGA:** IT'S PRETTY RIDICULOUS THAT SOMEONE HAD THE
14 COURAGE TO STAND UP AND WHAT HAPPENED TO HER SISTER IN THE
15 WOMEN'S JAIL IN L.A. COUNTY WHILE YOU GUYS ARE TALKING ABOUT
16 BUILDING MORE JAILS. AND YOU ALL COULDN'T LISTEN TO THAT.
17 AGAIN, I THINK OUR PRIORITIES NEED TO CHANGE. AND THERE'S TOO
18 MUCH MONEY GOING INTO THE SEVEN PERCENT OF THE POPULATION THAT
19 YOU ALL ARE TRYING TO INCREASE TIME FOR. WE NEED TO THINK
20 ABOUT THE A.B.109ERS THAT ARE SERVING 100 PERCENT OF THEIR
21 TIME IN THE L.A. COUNTY JAIL SYSTEM AND THINK ABOUT THE WOMEN
22 THAT ARE BEING IMPACTED BY THIS. THINK ABOUT THE MOTHERS WHO
23 DO NOT HAVE ACCESS TO THEIR CHILDREN. CAN YOU IMAGINE NOT
24 HAVING YOUR CHILD AROUND BECAUSE THEY'VE BEEN TAKEN FROM YOU
25 AND TRYING EVERYTHING TO GET YOUR CHILD BACK AND NOT BEING



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1 ABLE TO? I REALLY WOULD URGE THE SUPERVISORS HERE TO TAKE A
2 HARD LOOK AT WHAT'S GOING ON WITHIN THE WOMEN'S JAIL SYSTEM
3 RIGHT NOW AND REALLY LOOK AT IT.

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5 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** ALL RIGHT. WE THANK YOU FOR YOUR
6 TESTIMONY. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

7

8 **MARY SUTTON:** I'M MARY SUTTON, I'M REPRESENTING CALIFORNIAN'S
9 UNITED FOR RESPONSIBLE BUDGET THE NO MORE JAILS COALITION. I'M
10 A MEMBER OF CRITICAL RESISTANCE AND CONSIDERING WHAT DIANA
11 SAID, IT IS FAMILY REUNIFICATION WEEK. EXTREME VIOLENCE IN
12 L.A. COUNTY JAILS SHOULD BE A REASON TO SHRINK NOT EXPAND THE
13 SYSTEM. CONSIDERING THERE IS ONGOING F.B.I. INVESTIGATION, WE
14 SHOULD BE THINKING ABOUT THE SAFETY AND COMMUNITY RESOURCES WE
15 CAN PROVIDE FOR THE EIGHTY-SIX PERCENT OF THE POPULATION, NOT
16 FOCUSING ON THE SEVEN PERCENT. WE WANT THE BOARD OF
17 SUPERVISORS TO REQUEST AN ALTERNATIVE REPORT. ONE THAT
18 PROJECTS THE POTENTIAL REDUCTION IN THE JAIL POPULATION IF WE
19 DID THE RIGHT THING AND IMPLEMENTED STRATEGIES THAT ARE
20 RECOMMENDED BY MANY: REDUCE THE JAIL POPULATION. REDUCE
21 RECIDIVISM RATHER THAN FOCUSING ON HOW TO RETAIN SEVEN PERCENT
22 OF THE JAIL POPULATION AS LONG AS POSSIBLE, ENERGY SHOULD BE
23 PUT INTO REDUCING THE JAIL POPULATION. THE A.B.109 POPULATION.
24 NONVIOLENT, NONSERIOUS, NONSEX OFFENSE ARE 32 PERCENT OF THE
25 POPULATION. AND THEY CAN BE REDUCED EASILY BY PROVIDING



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1 PROGRAMS IN THE COMMUNITY. ACROSS THE STATE THEY ARE SERVING
2 30 PERCENT OF THEIR TIME. THIS WOULD SOLVE ALL YOUR PROBLEMS;
3 52 PERCENT OF THE POPULATION IS WAITING TRIAL. AND THERE ARE
4 MANY, MANY, MANY STRATEGIES TO REDUCE THAT POPULATION: BAIL
5 REFORM, DISMISSED PETTY CRIMES LIKE JAY WALKING, LOITERING IN
6 THE STREETS. ALL THESE KINDS OF THINGS. THERE ARE SO MANY WAYS
7 YOU CAN REDUCE THE JAIL POPULATION RIGHT NOW. RIGHT NOW.
8 FOCUSING ON SEVEN PERCENT OF THE POPULATION IS NOT FAIR. AND
9 DOES NOT SERVE YOUR COMMUNITY, YOUR DISTRICTS.

10

11 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU FOR YOUR TESTIMONY.
12 MA'AM, WE'LL TAKE YOUR TESTIMONY. I'M CALLING ON PATRICIA
13 RUSSELL. AAZIM MUHAMMED. KAREN SHAIN. THOSE BEFORE ME HAVE THE
14 OPPORTUNITY TO BE HEARD. PROCEED, PLEASE.

15

16 **SIDENY ROSS-RISDEN:** MY NAME IS SIDNEY ROSS-RISDEN. I'M FROM
17 THE GLOBAL WOMEN'S STRIKE, A WOMEN'S NETWORK WHICH URGES L.A.
18 COUNTY NOT TO SPEND MILLIONS ON NEW JAIL CONSTRUCTION,
19 INCLUDING A NEW WOMEN'S VILLAGE. WOMEN ARE THE FASTEST GROWING
20 POPULATION IN CALIFORNIA JAILS AND PRISONS WITH A
21 DISPROPORTIONATE IMPACT ON WOMEN OF COLOR. YET MOST WOMEN ARE
22 NOT JAILED FOR VIOLENT CRIMES. YOU'VE DECLARED THIS WEEK
23 FAMILY REUNIFICATION WEEK. VERY MOVING THIS MORNING. THE VAST
24 MAJORITY OF WOMEN IN JAIL AND PRISON ARE MOTHERS WHOSE
25 CHILDREN ARE VULNERABLE TO BEING ADOPTED, AS HAS BEEN NOTICED,



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1 OR PLACED IN FOSTER CARE. YOU ONLY HAVE TO BE IN JAIL SIX
2 MONTHS TO HAVE YOUR CHILD FAST TRACKED FOR ADOPTION. IT'S
3 STEALING. SO RATHER THAN L.A. COUNTY SPENDING MILLIONS TO
4 CONSTRUCT AND STAFF A NEW WOMEN'S JAIL, WE URGE THE BOARD TO
5 LOOK AT OPTIONS THAT HELP THESE FAMILIES REUNIFY. IMPLEMENT
6 ALTERNATIVE SENTENCING PROGRAMS WHERE MOTHERS CAN SERVE TIME
7 IN THE COMMUNITY WHILE CARING FOR THEIR CHILDREN. USE RE-
8 ALIGNMENT MONEY TO EXPAND ACCESS TO MENTAL HEALTH AND REHAB
9 PROGRAMS LOCATED IN THE COMMUNITY.

10

11 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** ALL RIGHT.

12

13 **SIDNEY ROSS-RISDEN:** AND OTHER PROGRAMS THAT SPEED AND SUPPORT
14 PARENTS' RETURN TO THEIR FAMILIES.

15

16 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR YOUR
17 TESTIMONY. WE'LL TAKE THE NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE. MA'AM?

18

19 **SHEILA PINKEL:** I'M SHEILA PINKEL, I'M WITH CURB AND L.A., NO
20 MORE JAILS. WHILE THE VANIR REPORT STOPPED ITS PROJECTIONS AT
21 75 PERCENT OF PRISON TIME SERVED THE SHERIFF'S REPORT
22 EXTRAPOLATES JAIL NEEDS TO 100 PERCENT OF THE TIME SERVED FOR
23 BOTH M7 AND NON-M7 MALE AND FEMALE INMATES. CURRENTLY THEY
24 SERVE 10 TO 20 PERCENT OF THE THEIR TIME. SO THIS
25 RECOMMENDATION GREATLY EXPANDS TIME SERVED FOR THIS



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1 POPULATION. BASED ON EXTRAPOLATION OF THE VANIR REPORT
2 CALCULATIONS, 100 PERCENT TIMES SERVED WILL RESULT IN ALMOST A
3 BILLION DOLLARS IN ADDITIONAL EXPENSES TO ACCOMPLISH THIS
4 EXPANDED INCARCERATION. AT A TIME WHEN JURISDICTIONS AROUND
5 THE COUNTRY ARE LOOKING FOR WAYS TO REDUCE PRISON POPULATION,
6 IN A COUNTRY WHERE SENTENCES ARE 5 TO 12 TIMES LONGER THAN IN
7 OTHER COUNTRIES, IT IS INAPPROPRIATE FOR PROJECTIONS TO BE
8 BASED ON 100 PERCENT SENTENCES FOR M7 AND NON-M7 INMATES. THE
9 MILLIONS OF DOLLARS ARE BEING REQUESTED WOULD BE BETTER SPENT
10 ON COMMUNITY-BASED SOCIAL SERVICES.

11
12 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** WE THANK YOU FOR YOUR TESTIMONY.
13 WE'LL TAKE THE NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

14
15 **ARNOLD SACHS:** YES, THANK YOU. GOOD AFTERNOON. ARNOLD SACHS.
16 IT'S THE PROCESS. IT'S THE TOTAL PROCESS. PAY CLOSE ATTENTION,
17 PLEASE. YOU HEARD PART OF THE DISCUSSION THIS MORNING SO FAR.
18 S-1 AND S-2 WERE SEPARATELY CALLED ITEMS. S-3, S-4 AND ITEM 25
19 WERE SEPARATELY CALLED ITEMS. IT'S HOW THEY MANIPULATE THEIR
20 AGENDAS. IT'S A REGULARLY DONE THING BY THIS COUNTY BOARD OF
21 SUPERVISORS. IT'S NOT ONE PROBLEM. IT'S A MULTITUDE OF
22 PROBLEMS. MY CONCERNS ABOUT THIS JAIL? WELL, YOU KNOW, BACK IN
23 JULY 20TH, 2011, METRO ORGANIZED THE RESOLUTION FOR NONPROFIT
24 FOR THE CRENSHAW LINE. THAT WAS THE ITEM ON THE AGENDA.
25 ATTACHMENT "A" OF THE AGENDA ITEM WAS RESOLUTION FORMATION OF



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1 A NONPROFIT TO ASSIST WITH THE FINANCING OF L.A. C.T.M.T.A.
2 PROJECT. NO MENTION OF THE CRENSHAW PROJECT.

3

4 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** ALL RIGHT.

5

6 **ARNOLD SACHS:** THIS IS GOING TO BE FUNDED BY THE COUNTY'S
7 NONPROFIT FINANCING ARM.

8

9 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** WE THANK YOU FOR YOUR TESTIMONY.
10 ALL RIGHT. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE. THANK YOU.

11

12 **ERIC PREVEN:** YES, IT'S MR. PREVEN, THE COUNTY RESIDENT FROM
13 DISTRICT 3. I THINK WE SHOULD BE EXPLORING PRESENTENCE
14 OPPORTUNITIES THAT DO NOT INVOLVE CONTINUED INCARCERATION AND
15 DIVERSIONS FOR MENTALLY ILL PERSONNEL WHO ARE EXPERIENCING
16 THOSE DIFFICULTIES. AND I THINK THAT THIS IDEA OF SPECIALIZED
17 COURTS IS VERY IMPORTANT. AND I'LL SAY ONE OTHER THING THAT
18 THE YOUTH WHO ARE BEING CHARGED AS ADULTS, THIS IS SOMETHING
19 THAT'S ON THE OP ED PAGE OF THE NEW YORK TIMES TODAY. THIS IS
20 A TREND. WHAT WE'RE EXPERIENCING HERE, TRYING TO EXPAND AND
21 CONTROL THE SIZE OF INCARCERATION FACILITIES, NEEDS TO BE
22 DOWNSIZED TOWARD THE PARADIGM SHIFT IN AMERICA THAT THE BOARD
23 OF SUPERVISORS NEEDS TO STEP UP AND GET WITH, WHICH IS THAT
24 THESE LONG INTERMINABLE SENTENCES DON'T PRODUCE GOOD RESULTS.
25 OBVIOUSLY RECIDIVISM IS ONE OF OUR MAIN CONCERNS. NOW THAT



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1 SAID, A PLACE LIKE TAFT, WHICH IS A SMALL TOWN WAY UP IN THE
2 MIDDLE OF NOWHERE, THINK ABOUT THAT IN TERMS OF RECIDIVISM.
3 THESE ARE NOT PLACES WHERE FAMILIES CAN GET ACCESS TO. SO THE
4 PROCESS OF PEOPLE WHO ARE SERVING THE TAIL END OF THEIR
5 SENTENCES BEING SERVED IN THAT ENVIRONMENT IS NOT CONDUCIVE TO
6 A SUCCESSFUL OUTCOME. SO I HOPE THAT -- THANK YOU, YOUR HONOR.

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8 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR YOUR
9 TESTIMONY. WE'LL TAKE THE NEXT SPEAKERS. MARK-ANTHONY JOHNSON,
10 MARSHA TEMPLE, DARRYL FOREMAN, ROBERT GORDH, JUAN PENNA.

11

12 **PATRICIA RUSSEL MY NAME IS PATRICIA RUSSELL AND I HAD A**
13 **MEETING WITH DR. LARRY GASGOW AND JUDGE TYNAN TODAY THIS**
14 **MORNING AND ONE OF THE THINGS THAT WOULD BE SO IMPORTANT IS TO**
15 **FUND HIS CO-OCCURRING DISORDER COURT SO THAT PEOPLE CAN BE**
16 **DIVERTED INSTEAD OF COMING TO JAIL. MENTAL HEALTH ISSUES, ZEV**
17 **YAROSLAVSKY SAID THAT JAIL MENTAL HEALTH, TOWER ONE, IS A**
18 **TRAIN WRECK READY TO HAPPEN, WHICH IT IS, I KNOW, I SAW IT**
19 **WHEN I TOURED IT LAST MONDAY. I SAW IT WITH MY OWN EYES. I**
20 **ONLY HAPPENED TO GO TO THE POD WHERE MY SON WAS INCARCERATED.**
21 **IT'S LIKE STEVE LOPEZ SAYS. IT'S A SNAKE PIT. AND THEY DON'T**
22 **HAVE ANYTHING TO DO. SO BASICALLY DR. LARRY GASGOW AND I MET**
23 **WITH TERRI MCDONALD IN JUNE 14TH AND THEY ARE STARTING TO**
24 **IMPLEMENT THE EDUCATIONAL-BASED INCARCERATION PROGRAM. I WOULD**
25 **URGE WHOEVER IS CREATING THE BUDGET TO GIVE THESE PEOPLE THAT**



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1 CAN HELP THESE INMATES TO GET SOME KIND OF TRAINING AND GROUPS
2 AND THERAPY TO GIVE THEM THE IMPLEMENTATION TO GET THE MONEY
3 SO THAT THESE PROGRAMS COULD HAPPEN SOONER RATHER THAN LATER.

4

5 >>SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN: THANK YOU FOR YOUR TESTIMONY.
6 WE'LL TAKE THE NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE. MA'AM.

7

8 KAREN SHAIN: HI, MY NAME IS KAREN SHAIN, I'M THE CRIMINAL
9 JUSTICE POLICY OFFICER OF THE WOMEN'S FOUNDATION OF
10 CALIFORNIA. WE'RE BASED IN SAN FRANCISCO BUT WE'RE A STATEWIDE
11 ORGANIZATION CONCERNED WITH DEVELOPING ECONOMIC SECURITY FOR
12 ALL OF CALIFORNIANS, PARTICULARLY WOMEN AND CHILDREN. I'VE
13 BEEN WATCHING THE STATE LAWSUIT SINCE 1990 THAT IS FINALLY
14 COME TO SOME LEVEL OF WEIRD COMPROMISE LAST WEEK BY THE
15 GOVERNOR. I JUST WANT TO POINT OUT THAT ON THE STATE AS WELL
16 AS IN THIS COUNTY, THE 137.5 PERCENT NUMBER IS A NUMBER. IT'S
17 A TARGET BUT IT'S NOT THE POINT. THE POINT IS: COMING UP WITH
18 A STRATEGY THAT DEALS WITH REAL MENTAL HEALTH AND REAL
19 PHYSICAL HEALTH FOR THE PEOPLE THAT ARE INCARCERATED IN YOUR
20 COUNTY. AND DEVELOPING MORE AND MORE BEDS WITHOUT LOOKING AT
21 REAL ALTERNATIVES, LOOKING AT TREATMENT, WHICH IS EVIDENCE-
22 BASED THAT SHOWS THAT TREATMENT IS FAR BETTER THAN
23 INCARCERATION, I FEEL THAT YOU'RE ALL BARKING UP THE WRONG
24 TREE AND YOU'RE GOING TO BE SITTING HERE FOR YEARS LOOKING AT



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1 MORE AND MORE CONSTRUCTION. SO I REALLY BEG YOU TO LOOK AT
2 THIS VERY CLOSELY BEFORE YOU VOTE. THANK YOU.

3

4 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** YOU MAY, SUPERVISOR MOLINA.

5

6 **SUP. MOLINA:** JUST SO I GET A CLARIFICATION. ARE YOU TALKING
7 ABOUT MENTAL HEALTH TREATMENT OR DRUG ABUSE TREATMENT?

8

9 **KAREN SHAIN:** I'M TALKING ABOUT BOTH. BOTH ARE FAR BETTER THAN
10 INCARCERATION.

11

12 **SUP. MOLINA:** WE ALL UNDERSTAND THAT, BUT SO THAT YOU KNOW, OUR
13 DRUG COURTS HAVE GONE OUT OF THEIR WAY IN PROVIDING TREATMENT.
14 AND THERE IS A CHOICE THAT PEOPLE MAKE. YOU CAN EITHER GO TO
15 TREATMENT OR YOU CAN GO TO JAIL. SO THEY HAVE A CHOICE NOW.
16 AND I HOPE YOU'VE LOOKED INTO THAT BECAUSE WE NEED THAT TO
17 CONTINUE. BUT IT'S, AGAIN --

18

19 **KAREN SHAIN:** YEAH, I DO WANT TO POINT OUT THAT WITH THE NEW
20 LEGISLATION, THE S.B.105 LEGISLATION, THERE'S A GREAT
21 POSSIBILITY , IT'S NOT A PROMISE, IT DEPENDS ON WHAT HAPPENS
22 WITH THE COURT PANEL. THAT THERE WILL BE MORE MONEY COMING
23 INTO THE COUNTIES FOR REHABILITATION AND FOR DIVERSION.

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1 **SUP. MOLINA:** THAT'S A DIFFERENT ISSUE. YOU TALKED ABOUT
2 TREATMENT. THAT'S WHY I WAS ASKING CLARIFICATION QUESTIONS.
3 THAT'S A DIFFERENT ISSUE. YOU TALK ABOUT DIVERSION, THAT'S A
4 DIFFERENT ISSUE. BUT I JUST WANTED TO CLARIFY ON THE
5 TREATMENT. BECAUSE ON DRUG COURT, WE HAVE THAT AVAILABLE AT
6 THIS POINT IN TIME.

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8 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** ALL RIGHT. THANK YOU VERY MUCH.
9 WELL TAKE THE NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

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11 **SPEAKER:** YES, GOOD MORNING, CHAIRMAN, OTHER MEMBERS OF THE
12 BOARD OF SUPERVISORS. IT'S NOT POPULAR BEING A U.S.C. FAN
13 THESE DAYS, M.R.T., WHAT'S UP WITH THAT?

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15 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** I GET THAT, MAN.

16

17 **SPEAKER:** JUST LIKE IT'S NOT POPULAR TO MASS INCARCERATE OUR
18 ABLE BODIED MINORITY YOUTH, MEN, BLACK AND OTHER ETHNIC WOMEN
19 AND OUR MENTALLY CHALLENGED FAMILY MEMBERS WHO WE LOCK UP
20 INSTEAD OF TREAT THEIR DISORDERS. WHAT KIND OF SOCIETY HAVE WE
21 BECOME? WHERE IS THE OUTRAGE AND THE MORAL SENSIBILITY? THE
22 PEOPLE ACROSS THIS GREAT STATE AND ACROSS AMERICA HAS WEIGHED
23 IN AND SAID NO MORE JAILS. NO MORE SOLITARY CONFINEMENT TO
24 PROGRAMS LIKE THE SHOE FOR 25 YEARS OR MORE. NO MORE BRUTAL
25 TREATMENT AND TORTURE OF OUR PEOPLE. NO MORE TAKING WOMEN FROM



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1 THEIR FAMILIES WHO COULD BETTER BE SERVED IN THE COMMUNITY.
2 AND NO MORE LOCKUP OF THOSE DEEMED MENTALLY CHALLENGED AND
3 PROVIDE HELP AND TREATMENT INSTEAD. ALTERNATIVE SOLUTIONS IS
4 WHAT WE NEED.

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6 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** ALL RIGHT. THANK YOU. FIGHT ON.
7 ALL RIGHT. SIR?

8

9 **SPEAKER:** GOOD AFTERNOON.

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11 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** YES. THERE'S A POINT OF ORDER
12 BEING CALLED FROM ONE SUPERVISOR WHO HAS NO MANTRA OR CHANT.
13 THANK YOU. PROCEED, MARK.

14

15 **MARK-ANTHONY JOHNSON:** GOOD AFTERNOON, SUPERVISORS. MARK-
16 ANTHONY JOHNSON, COALITION TO END SHERIFF VIOLENCE HERE WITH
17 THE NO MORE JAILS COALITION SUPPORTING THE IDEA THAT WE NEED
18 TO BE LOOKING AT HOW TO GET PEOPLE INTO COMMUNITY-BASED
19 PROGRAMS RATHER THAN FOCUSING ON HOW TO RETAIN SEVEN PERCENT
20 OF THE JAIL POPULATION AS LONG AS POSSIBLE. WE NEED TO FIGURE
21 OUT HOW TO GET OUR FOLKS HOME AND INTO THE COMMUNITY WITH REAL
22 SOLUTIONS THAT HAVE BEEN PROVEN TO WORK. AND TO TALK ABOUT
23 VIOLENT CRIME FOR A MINUTE, AT A RECENT PRESENTATION AT METRO
24 STATE HOSPITAL, ONE OF THE WORKERS THERE SHARED A FRUSTRATION
25 WITH US AROUND FOLKS WHO HAVE BEEN DEEMED PC1370. THESE ARE



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1 FOLKS WHO THEY SPEND THREE YEARS STABILIZING IN MENTAL HEALTH
2 AND THEN ARE RELEASED AND HAVE THEIR CASES DISMISSED; HOWEVER,
3 COUNTY RESOURCE MANAGEMENT REFUSES TO LINK THEM TO RESOURCES.
4 AND WHEN METRO STATE HOSPITAL TRIES TO CONNECT THEM WITH
5 RESOURCES, COUNTY RESOURCE MANAGEMENT THEN BLOCKS THOSE
6 RESOURCES. AND THESE FOLKS COME BACK AND RECIDIVATE. THIS IS
7 ONE THING YOU HAVE IN YOUR POWER. ANOTHER AVENUE YOU HAVE IN
8 YOUR POWER TO DEEPLY AND MORE THOROUGHLY INVESTIGATE
9 ALTERNATIVES AND LAPSES IN THE SYSTEM THAT ALREADY EXIST.

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11 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** WE THANK YOU FOR YOUR TESTIMONY.
12 AND WE'LL TAKE THE NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE. MA'AM?

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14 **DARYL FORMAN:** MY NAME IS DARYL FOREMAN I'M A MEMBER OF THE
15 SANTA MONICA COMMITTEE FOR RACIAL JUSTICE. I'M HERE TO ASK
16 THAT THE MILLIONS OF DOLLARS TO BE PLANNED ON BUILDING THE NEW
17 WOMEN'S PRISON BE DIVERTED TO FUNDING OF COMMUNITY-BASED
18 ORGANIZATIONS FROM OUR SISTERS OF COLOR, USUALLY VICTIMS OF
19 POVERTY. AS A CAUCASIAN WOMAN, I FIND THIS REALLY RIDICULOUS
20 THAT 80 PERCENT OF WOMEN ARE BEING IMPRISONED FOR MISDEMEANOR
21 DRUG PROBLEMS, PETTY THEFT, NONSERIOUS CRIMES THAT A CAUCASIAN
22 WOMAN IN SANTA MONICA WOULDN'T BE BOOKED FOR IN THE FIRST
23 PLACE, NUMBER ONE WOULD BE RELEASED ON THEIR OWN RECOGNIZANCE,
24 AND JUST TAKING A LAWYER AND HAVING THE CASE THROWN OUT OF
25 COURT. BUT BECAUSE YOU'RE POOR AND YOU'RE BROWN AND YOU'RE



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1 BLOOK, THEY GO TO JAIL AND LEAVE THEIR KIDS BEHIND AND ARE
2 FORCED TO LEAVE THEIR CHILDREN BEHIND. THANK YOU.

3

4 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** ALL RIGHT. THANK YOU FOR YOUR
5 TESTIMONY. WE'LL TAKE THE NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE. I'M GOING TO
6 CALL BRANDON ELLIOTT. EMELIO LACQUES, JOANNE BERLIN. JOSEPH
7 MAIZLISH, WALTER JOHNSON. IF YOU WOULD ALL COME FORWARD. SIR
8 THE FLOOR IS YOURS.

9

10 **ROBERT GORDH:** MY NAME IS ROBERT GORDH, I'M FROM L.A. NO MORE
11 JAILS COALITION. WE WANT THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS TO REQUEST
12 AN ALTERNATIVE REPORT, ONE THAT PROJECTS THE POTENTIAL
13 REDUCTION IN THE COUNTY JAIL POPULATION IF WE DID THE RIGHT
14 THING AND IMPLEMENTED STRATEGIES THAT ARE RECOMMENDED BY MANY.
15 THERE ARE CLEAR ALTERNATIVES THAT WE COULD IMPLEMENT TO REDUCE
16 THE JAIL POPULATION RIGHT NOW THAT WOULD STRENGTHEN OUR
17 COMMUNITIES AND SAVE THE COUNTY OVER A BILLION DOLLARS. THE
18 VERA INSTITUTE, THE AUSTIN REPORT AND THE A.C.L.U. HAVE ALL
19 PUT FORTH WAYS TO REDUCE THE L.A. JAIL POPULATION. THIS COUNTY
20 CAN SAFELY, EFFECTIVELY, AFFORDABLY AND QUICKLY REDUCE ITS
21 CURRENT JAIL POPULATION.

22

23 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** WE THANK YOU FOR YOUR TESTIMONY.
24 WE'LL TAKE THE NEXT SPEAKER. YOUNG MAN?

25



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1 **JUAN PENA:** HELLO. MY NAME IS JUAN PENA AND I'M WITH THE YOUTH
2 JUSTICE COALITION. REDUCE THE JAIL POPULATION RATHER THAN
3 FOCUS ON HOW TO RETAIN SEVEN PERCENT OF THE JAIL POPULATION AS
4 LONG AS POSSIBLE. PEOPLE CONVICTED OF NONVIOLENCE, NONSERIOUS,
5 NONSEX OFFENCE, 32 PERCENT OF THE JAIL POPULATION CAN BE
6 EASILY REDUCED AND WOULD BE RATHER SERVED BY PROVIDING
7 PROGRAMS IN THE COMMUNITY. FIFTY-FOUR PERCENT OF THE JAIL
8 POPULATION IS WAITING TRIAL. THIS POPULATION CAN BE REDUCED IN
9 MANY DIFFERENT WAYS. DIVERT THE MENTALLY ILL POPULATION OUT OF
10 LOCKUP AND INTO PROPER MENTAL HEALTH FACILITIES LIKE THE
11 WOMAN'S REENTRY CREATED IN 2009 RELEASE THOSE BEING CHARGED
12 WITH PETTY CRIMES AND IMPLEMENT BAIL REFORM. PRIORITIZING
13 FUNDING FOR COMMUNITY-BASED PROGRAMS LED BY COMMUNITY
14 PROFESSIONALS FORMERLY IMPRISONED AND FAMILY MEMBERS INSTEAD
15 OF SHERIFF AND PROBATION OFFICERS.

16

17 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** ALL RIGHT. WE THANK YOU FOR YOUR
18 TESTIMONY. MA'AM?

19

20 **MARSHA TEMPLE:** MR. CHAIRMAN, I AM MARSHA TEMPLE. I
21 RESPECTFULLY REQUEST THE BOARD TO DIRECT THE C.E.O. TO
22 CONSIDER THE FEASIBILITY OF DIVERTING 500 MENTALLY ILL
23 HOMELESS PEOPLE FROM THE CRIMINAL JUSTICE SYSTEM INTO
24 COMMUNITY-BASED TREATMENT IN ORDER TO PROVIDE HOUSING,
25 HEALTHCARE, JOBS AND REDUCED RECIDIVISM AND THEN USE THIS



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1 INFORMATION TO DETERMINE HOW MANY BEDS THE NEW JAIL WILL
2 REQUIRE. THANK YOU.

3

4 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. SIR, WE'LL
5 TAKE YOUR TESTIMONY. I'M GOING TO HEAR FROM MICHAEL
6 RICHARDSON, JENNIFER ALVAREZ, MELLO DESIRE, PETER ELIASBURG
7 AND TERESIJA SIGMUND IN THAT ORDER AND THAT CLOSES THE PUBLIC
8 PORTION ON THIS ITEM S-3. SIR?

9

10 **BRANDON ELLIOT:** THANK YOU, SIR. GOOD AFTERNOON, EVERYBODY. AND
11 LADIES AND GENTLEMEN. MY NAME IS BRANDON ALEJANDRO ELLIOTT AND
12 I'M WITH THE YOUTH JUSTICE COALITION. WHY WOULD ANYONE WANT TO
13 EXPAND THIS JAIL SYSTEM WHEN THE METHODS USED HAVE ALREADY
14 DONE NOTHING TO REHABILITATE THE PRISONERS THAT HAVE BEEN
15 THROUGH THOSE WALLS AND ARE CURRENTLY IN THEM? DO THOSE IN
16 FAVOR OF NEW JAILS THEN MEAN TO TELL US THEY WANT TO EXTEND
17 THAT LACK OF REHABILITATION TO OTHER COMMUNITIES? ALTERNATIVES
18 MUST BE DONE. YOU CANNOT HEAL A HUMAN BEING BY SENDING THEM TO
19 JAIL. I'VE BEEN THERE. I HAD TO REHABILITATE MYSELF. IT IS
20 UNETHICAL THAT THE SHERIFF WANTS THE A.B.900 FUNDS, WHICH IS
21 100 MILLION, TO BUILD A JAIL FULL OF CAGES FOR WOMEN AND CALL
22 IT WOMEN'S VILLAGE. THEY WANT TO BUILD THE WOMAN'S JAIL BUT
23 REFUSE TO LISTEN TO THEIR VOICES AND STORIES, WHICH IS WHAT WE
24 MEN HAVE HISTORICALLY DONE. DON'T THEY KNOW THAT THAT MONEY
25 CAN BE USED TO KEEP PEOPLE OUT OF JAIL INSTEAD OF BUILDING ONE



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1 FOR THE WOMEN IN OUR COMMUNITY? AS OF NOW, WOMEN ARE THE
2 SOCIAL GROUP EXPERIENCING THE HIGHEST INCARCERATION RATE AND
3 YET THEY'RE NOT COMMITTING THE MOST CRIMES. WASN'T IT ONCE
4 ILLEGAL FOR WOMEN TO VOTE? SO WHY CONTINUE THAT TYPE OF
5 OPPRESSIVE CYCLE? AND PLEASE LAST STOP ALL PLANS TO SPEND
6 BILLIONS TO REPLACE MEN'S CENTRAL JAIL. HOMICIDE IS DOWN 13.5
7 PERCENT AND RAPE IS DOWN 30.6 PERCENT. THANK YOU. LET'S ALL
8 DISCOVER OUR HUMANITY TOGETHER.

9

10 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU FOR YOUR TESTIMONY,
11 SIR. AND WE WILL TAKE THE NEXT SPEAKER. SIR?

12

13 **EMILIO LACQUES:** HELLO. MY NAME'S EMILLIO WITH THE YOUTH
14 JUSTICE COALITION AND THE NO NEW JAILS COALITION OF L.A. I'M
15 ALSO HERE IN SOLIDARITY WITH THE COALITION TO END SHERIFF
16 VIOLENCE AND WITH THE JUSTICE WARRIORS. AND FAMILY MEMBERS WHO
17 HAVE LOST THEIR LOVED ONES AT THE HANDS OF L.A. COUNTY SHERIFF
18 VIOLENCE AND BRUTALITY. CLEARLY EXPERTS HAVE SHOWN TIME AND
19 TIME AGAIN THAT SAFE AND HEALTHY COMMUNITIES ARE BEST ACHIEVED
20 BY KEEPING PEOPLE OUT OF CAGES. WE NEED TO REDUCE THE JAIL
21 POPULATION AND REDUCE RECIDIVISM. INSTEAD OF FOCUSING ON SEVEN
22 PERCENT RETAINING JAIL POPULATION WE SHOULD BE SPENDING THAT
23 ENERGY ON REDUCING THE JAIL POPULATION. THIS MEETING BROUGHT
24 TOGETHER A LOT OF COALITIONS AND AMAZING PEOPLE. AND AT THE
25 END OF THE DAY, WE SEE THAT THESE ITEMS ARE ALL CONVERGING.



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1 SHERIFF VIOLENCE IN OUR STREETS, FAMILY MEMBERS ARE HERE.
2 SHERIFF VIOLENCE IN OUR JAILS, FAMILY MEMBERS ARE HERE. AND
3 JAIL EXPANSION DIRECTLY AFFECTING OUR COMMUNITIES ARE ALL
4 HERE. WHAT DOES THIS TELL US? IS THIS IS MORE COUNTY-LED
5 INSTITUTIONALIZED RACISM AND YOU'RE BRINGING THIS ALL TOGETHER
6 TODAY AND I APPRECIATE THAT BECAUSE WE'RE GOING TO BE BACK
7 HERE AND THIS ISN'T THE LAST YOU'VE SEEN OF US. WE'RE GOING TO
8 BE HERE A LOT.

9

10 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** ALL RIGHT. WE THANK YOU FOR YOUR
11 TESTIMONY. MA'AM?

12

13 **JOANNE BERLIN:** YES. HELLO. MY NAME IS JOANNE BERLIN. I LIVE IN
14 SANTA MONICA. I'M A MEMBER OF THE COMMITTEE FOR RACIAL JUSTICE
15 THERE AND ALSO INVOLVED IN THE NO MORE JAILS L.A. IT'S BEEN A
16 BIT SURREAL TO SIT AND LISTEN TO A LOT OF THE TESTIMONY THAT
17 CAME EARLIER ABOUT THE VIOLENCE IN THE JAILS AND TO THINK
18 ABOUT BUILDING MORE CAGES TO HOUSE HUMAN BEINGS. YOU'VE HEARD
19 A LOT OF REASONS WHY WE SHOULDN'T DO THIS. WHAT I WANT TO SAY
20 IS THAT I THINK THAT WE NEED TO DO SOMETHING ALONG THE LINES
21 OF WHAT GLORIA MOLINA WAS TALKING ABOUT. WE NEED TO ASK THAT
22 YOU GET THE PROJECTIONS OF THE POTENTIAL REDUCTION THAT COULD
23 BE GAINED IN THE COUNTY JAIL POPULATION. IF WE DID SOME OF
24 THESE ALTERNATIVES THAT HAVE BEEN MENTIONED TO YOU AND THAT
25 HAVE BEEN PRESENTED BY VARIOUS STUDIES AND PLANS PUT FORTH BY



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1 ALTERNATIVE FOLKS. WE NEED TO LOOK AT ALSO CHANGING THE RE-
2 ALIGNMENT FUNDS FROM THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT TO THE
3 COMMUNITY-BASED ALTERNATIVES.

4

5 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** ALL RIGHT. WE THANK YOU FOR YOUR
6 TESTIMONY. SIR?

7

8 **JOSEPH MAIZLISH:** HELLO. MY NAME IS JOSEPH MAIZLISH AFFILIATED
9 WITH A LOT OF THE GROUPS HERE. EARLIER SUPERVISOR MOLINA
10 TALKED ABOUT FIDUCIARY RESPONSIBILITY. AND I BELIEVE THAT'S
11 SHARED BY THE BOARD MEMBERS AS IS THE QUESTION OF PUBLIC
12 SAFETY RESPONSIBILITY. BOTH OF THOSE I THINK ARE SLIPPING AWAY
13 WITH THIS FIXATION ON 100 PERCENT OF TIME SERVED. A PEW STUDY
14 ON THIS VERY SUBJECT OF TIME SERVED, A STUDY I'VE GIVEN TO
15 YOUR STAFF MEMBERS AND GAVE THEM A COUPLE OF PAGES FROM IT,
16 SAID ON THE SUBJECT "THE QUESTION FOR POLICYMAKERS IS NOT
17 WHETHER THE TOTAL COST IS HIGH BUT WHETHER INCREASING THE TIME
18 SERVED IS THE MOST COST-EFFECTIVE MEANS OF PROMOTING PUBLIC
19 SAFETY". YOU FOLKS HAVE COMMISSIONS ON ALL KINDS OF THINGS.
20 YOU DO SOME RESEARCH. WHERE IS THE RESEARCH THAT SUPPORTS THE
21 BENEFIT TO PUBLIC SAFETY OF GETTING PEOPLE TO SPEND 100
22 PERCENT OF THEIR TIME? THE RESEARCH GOES ACTUALLY IN THE OTHER
23 DIRECTION WHERE DETERRENT EFFECT OF SENTENCING IS MINOR. WHAT
24 COUNTS IS PROGRAMS IN JAIL AND THEIR CONTINUITY WITH PROGRAMS
25 OUT OF JAIL. AND OF COURSE PREVENTIVE PROGRAMS THAT STOP FIRST



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1 OFFENSES. SPEND ON THAT. DON'T INCREASE THE DANGERS TO US AND
2 YOURSELVES OF THE HIGH CRIME RATES. THEY CAN BE LOWERED WITH
3 GOOD SPENDING AND GOOD CHOICES.

4

5 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU FOR YOUR TESTIMONY.
6 WE'LL TAKE THE NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

7

8 **WALTER JOHNSON:** GOOD AFTERNOON. MY NAME IS WALTER JOHNSON. I'M
9 A MEMBER OR I'M HERE REPRESENTING NO MORE JAILS L.A. I WANT TO
10 SUPPORT WHAT MY ASSOCIATE JUST SAID, THAT THERE'S APPARENTLY
11 NO ADVERSE EFFECT IN OUR COMMUNITIES FROM THE SHORTENED TERMS
12 THAT WE'RE HAVING. IT LEADS ME TO SUSPECT THAT OUR SENTENCES
13 ARE ACTUALLY TOO LONG FOR NONVIOLENT OFFENSES. SECONDLY, I
14 WANT TO SAY THAT IN RESPONSE TO WHAT SUPERVISOR MOLINA HAD TO
15 SAY ABOUT THE DRUG COURTS OFFERING REHABILITATION, THAT THOSE
16 WHO CHOOSE TO BE INCARCERATED PROBABLY MANY OF THOSE WILL
17 CHANGE THEIR MINDS AND GO FOR REHABILITATION IF IT WAS
18 OFFERED. AND SO WE SHOULD BE OFFERING IT TO OUR PRISONERS.
19 THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

20

21 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU FOR YOUR TESTIMONY.
22 MS. DESIRE?

23

24 **MELLO DESIRE:** HI, I'M MELLOW DESIRE, FILMMAKER FOR INNER CITY
25 YOUTH. I GAVE YOU A COPY OF L.A. SENTINEL'S ARTICLE OF



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1 SEBASTIAN RIDLEY-THOMAS WHO RAISED 230,000 DOLLARS A COUPLE
2 MONTHS AGO FOR HIS 54TH ASSEMBLY DISTRICT NOMINATION. YET ON
3 TOP OF THIS, YOU HAVE THE DEATH OF BIJON MICHAEL SCHUSTATI WHO
4 WAS 18 YEARS OLD WHO DIED THAT VERY WEAK. THE IMBALANCE OF
5 THESE YOUTH WHO ARE LOSING THEIR LIVES EVERY DAY IS THE REASON
6 I'M HERE EVERY WEEK BECAUSE I'M SAYING EVERY DAY THAT WE PASS
7 AS A KID IN SOUTH CENTRAL WHO IS BEING MURDERED, IS A KID WHO
8 IS STANDING AT THE WRONG PLACE AT THE WRONG TIME THROUGH GANG
9 VIOLENCE IS BEING SHOT DEAD. I'M SAYING IF YOUR KIDS ARE
10 INVOLVED IN THIS, HOW FAST WOULD YOU WORK FOR A SOLUTION?
11 BECAUSE IT IS NOT DIRECTED TO YOU, IT'S NOT IN YOUR
12 NEIGHBORHOOD, YOU CLOSE YOUR EYES TO IT. NOW IS THE TIME THAT
13 WE NEED YOUR HELP TO DO SOMETHING POSITIVE FOR THESE KIDS AND
14 PERFORMING ARTS IS AN EASY THERAPY. WE'RE NOT ASKING FOR EIGHT
15 MILLION DOLLARS IN CONTINGENCY. WE'RE ONLY ASKING FOR 10 GRAND
16 STARTUP COSTS SO E WE CAN MOVE INTO THE OFFICE SO WE CAN GET
17 REHABILITATION FOR THESE KIDS, COSTUME DESIGNS AND START
18 GIVING THEM SOME RESOURCES THAT ARE POSITIVE SO THEY CAN GET
19 OUT OF GANG VIOLENCE. IF YOU DON'T GIVE KIDS SOMETHING TO DO,
20 WHAT DO YOU EXPECT THEM TO DO? THEY COME HOME TO NO VERY SORTS
21 BECAUSE YOU CUT IT OUT. THEY COME HOME TO NOTHING.

22

23 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** MS. DESIRE, YOUR TIME HAS
24 EXPIRED. THANK YOU FOR YOUR TESTIMONY. ALL RIGHT. YOUNG LADY,



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1 YOU WISH TO BE HEARD? YOU'RE GOING TO BE THE LAST SPEAKER. YOU
2 GET TO GIVE THE BENEDICTION, ALL RIGHT.

3

4 **JENNIFER ALVAREZ:** MY NAME IS JENNIFER ALVAREZ, I'M A STUDENT
5 AT U.C. IRVINE AND I VOLUNTEER WITH THE YOUTH JUSTICE
6 COALITION. I'M HERE TO ASK YOU TO STOP FUNDING L.A. COUNTY
7 JAIL EXPANSIONS, INSTEAD YOU SHOULD INVEST IN CREATING
8 PROGRAMS THAT WILL BETTER SERVE THE NEEDS OF THE INDIVIDUALS
9 IN THE COMMUNITY. AS A STUDENT WHO HAS GONE THROUGH THE PUBLIC
10 EDUCATION SYSTEM IN L.A. COUNTY I HAVE SEEN THE DIVESTMENT
11 FROM OUR EDUCATION AND PUBLIC RESOURCES AND THE CONTINUED
12 INVESTMENT IN THE JAIL SYSTEM. BLACK AND BROWN STUDENTS ARE
13 MORE LIKELY TO HAVE A PRISON BED RATHER THAN THE OPPORTUNITY
14 TO FINISH THEIR EDUCATION. RATHER THAN FOCUSING ENERGY ON
15 RETAINING SEVEN PERCENT OF THE JAIL POPULATION AS LONG AS
16 POSSIBLE WITH JAIL EXPANSION PLANS, ENERGY SHOULD BE FOCUSED
17 ON REDUCING THE JAIL POPULATION AND RECIDIVISM. THE A.B.109
18 POPULATION, PEOPLE CONVICTED OF NONVIOLENT, NONSERIOUS, NONSEX
19 OFFENSES WHICH IS 32 PERCENT OF THE JAIL POPULATION CAN BE
20 EASILY REDUCED BY PROVIDING PROGRAMS IN THE COMMUNITY. PUT
21 A.B.109 RE-ALIGNMENT MONEY INTO THE COMMUNITY, NOT THE
22 SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT. WE MUST USE A.B.109 MONEY TO FUND
23 COMMUNITY PROGRAMS THAT SUPPORT THE REAL NEEDS OF PEOPLE
24 COMING FROM PRISON LIKE I.D.S, MEDICAL RECORDS, HEALTH CARE,
25 HOUSING, JOB TRAINING AND BUS CARDS.



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2 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** ALL RIGHT.

3

4 **JENNIFER ALVAREZ:** AGAIN, I AM URGING THE LOS ANGELES BOARD OF
5 SUPERVISORS TO STOP L.A. COUNTY JAIL EXPANSION PLANS BY VOTING
6 NO. THANK YOU.

7

8 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU FOR YOUR TESTIMONY.
9 TERRY?

10

11 **TERESIJA SIGMUND:** I SEE THAT THE PUBLIC HAS BETTER SOLUTIONS
12 THAN YOU FANCY PEOPLE WITH SUITS AND MONEY. THIS IS A ZERO
13 MINUTE JOB. WHAT ARE YOU DOING HERE? THE FOSTER CARE SYSTEM,
14 YOU'RE PUTTING ALL THE MONEY IN AND WHERE YOU DESTROY THESE
15 BROWN PEOPLE AT A VERY SMALL AGE SO YOU'RE FARMING YOUR OWN
16 CRIMINALS. SO NOW YOU'RE BREEDING A WHOLE NEW GROUP OF KIDS
17 THAT ARE GOING TO TURN INTO CRIMINALS, 70 TO 80 PERCENT OF THE
18 CRIMINALS COME FROM THE FOSTER CARE SYSTEM. THAT IS A VERY
19 DIRTY SECRET THAT NEEDS TO BE MORE EXPOSED. ALSO THAT IS LIKE
20 THROWING GOOD MONEY AFTER BAD MONEY. MORE JAILS IS NOT GOING
21 TO REDUCE JAIL POPULATION. CONTRARY TO IT, IN MEDICINE YOU
22 HAVE THE CONCEPT OF DIMINISHING RETURN. YOU DO THERAPY FOR SO
23 LONG, THEN YOU SEND THE PERSON OUT BECAUSE IF YOU KEEP DOING
24 IT, IT'S GOING TO BE CONTRA PRODUCTIVE. THE SAME THING WITH
25 LONG JAIL SENTENCES. YOU NEED TO PUT THE MENTAL PEOPLE, MENTAL



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1 HEALTH PEOPLE OUT, NOT THE MENTALLY ILL PEOPLE OUT, YOU PUT
2 THE DRUG ADDICTS OUT AND THEN YOU MIGHT HAVE SOME MONEY LEFT
3 WITH THE ZERO MINUTE JOB THERE'S MY SOLUTION AND GIVE THE
4 SOLDIERS MONEY THAT GAVE THEIR LIFE TO PROTECT YOU.

5

6 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** ALL RIGHT. THANK YOU VERY MUCH.
7 FINAL SPEAKER AND SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH TAKE NOTICE OF
8 VETERINARIAN. PROCEED.

9

10 **PETER ELIASBERG:** MR. CHAIRMAN, I'M SPEAKING NOT ONLY ON BEHALF
11 OF THE A.C.L.U. BUT ALSO DISABILITY RIGHTS CALIFORNIA AND
12 DISABILITY RIGHTS LEGAL CENTER. ALBERT EINSTEIN IS PURPORTED
13 TO HAVE ONCE SAID "THE DEFINITION OF INSANITY IS DOING THE
14 SAME THING OVER AND OVER AGAIN AND EXPECTING DIFFERENT
15 RESULTS." WHY DO I SAY THAT? BECAUSE IN 1998 AN L.A. TIMES
16 ARTICLE THAT I HAVE HERE WILL SHOW THIS, THE SHERIFF'S
17 DEPARTMENT SAID "THE WAY WE'RE GOING TO SOLVE THE PROBLEMS
18 THAT THE DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE HAS FOUND WITH OUR TREATMENT OF
19 THE MENTALLY ILL IS BY MOVING THE MENTALLY ILL INTO THE STATE-
20 OF-THE-ART TWIN TOWERS JAIL." CHAIRMAN, SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY
21 KNOWS VERY WELL, WHAT TWIN TOWERS LOOKS LIKE TODAY AND KNOWS
22 VERY WELL THAT THE TREATMENT OF THE MENTALLY ILL IS A DISASTER
23 THERE. AND NOW VANIR IS COMING TO YOU AND PROMISING "SPEND 1.4
24 BILLION DOLLARS AND WE'LL GET YOU OUT OF SUPERVISION FROM THE
25 DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE." IT DIDN'T WORK LAST TIME; IT'S NOT



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1 GOING TO WORK THIS TIME. THE WAY YOU WERE GOING TO GET OUT
2 FROM THE SUPERVISION OF THE DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE IS BY MOVING
3 NONVIOLENT, NONSEXUAL PEOPLE WITH MENTAL ILLNESS OUT OF THE
4 JAILS AND INTO COMMUNITY TREATMENT. NO OTHER WAY. DON'T KID
5 YOURSELF; 1.4 BILLION DOLLARS IS NOT GOING TO SAVE YOU FROM
6 THE DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE ANY MORE THAN TWIN TOWERS DID.

7

8 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** ALL RIGHT. WE THANK YOU FOR YOUR
9 TESTIMONY. THAT'S THE FINAL SPEAKER ON THE ITEM S-3 AS WELL AS
10 ITEM NUMBER 25. MADAM EXECUTIVE OFFICER, WHAT, THEN, IS BEFORE
11 US? TO RECEIVE AND FILE THE ITEMS?

12

13 **SACHI HAMAI, EXEC. OFFICER:** CORRECT.

14

15 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** ALL RIGHT. IF THERE ARE NO
16 OBJECTIONS, WE WILL RECEIVE AND FILE S-3. AND WITH RESPECT TO
17 ITEM 25? THERE ARE MOTIONS BEFORE US FOR CONSIDERATION OFFERED
18 BY SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH. SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR KNABE.
19 AMENDED BY SUPERVISOR MOLINA. THE ITEM IS BEFORE US AS
20 AMENDED. ARE THERE ANY OBJECTIONS? SEEING NONE, THAT WILL BE
21 THE ORDER. LET'S PROCEED TO THE BALANCE OF THE AGENDA, THEN.
22 ALL RIGHT. S-4 IS NOW BEFORE US.

23

24 **JERRY POWERS:** JERRY POWERS YOUR CHIEF PROBATION OFFICER. I'M
25 JOINED BY MARV SOUTHARD WITH MENTAL HEALTH , MR. GUERNESS WITH



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1 S.A.P.C., ASSISTANT SHERIFF MCDONALD WHO HASN'T SPENT ENOUGH
2 TIME UP AT THE TABLE TODAY.

3

4 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** DON'T WORRY. SHE'LL BE BACK FOUR
5 OR FIVE MORE TIMES TODAY.

6

7 **JERRY POWERS:** WE WILL ATTEMPT, AS IS OUR CUSTOM TO EXPEDITE
8 OUR REPORT TO YOU AND STILL ADDRESS ALL OF YOUR QUESTIONS AND
9 GIVE YOU AN INFORMATIVE RUNDOWN OF THE STATUS OF A.B.109 IN
10 LOS ANGELES COUNTY. WE'RE GOING TO DISCUSS COMPLIANCE UPDATES,
11 COMPLIANCE CHECKS, THE RECENTLY ENACTED PRISON REDUCTION AT
12 THE STATE LEVEL AND WE WILL HAVE DEPARTMENTAL UPDATES FROM
13 MENTAL HEALTH, PUBLIC HEALTH, S.A.P.C., THE SHERIFF'S
14 DEPARTMENT AND WE WILL CERTAINLY ENTERTAIN QUESTIONS.

15

16 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** ALL RIGHT. THANK YOU.

17

18 **JERRY POWERS:** AS YOU SEE ON THE SLIDE BEFORE YOU, WE HAVE
19 17,000, JUST OVER 17,000 OF THESE INDIVIDUALS HAVE BEEN
20 RELEASED FROM STATE PRISON TO LOS ANGELES COUNTY. SINCE THE
21 IMPLEMENTATION IN OCTOBER OF 2011. WE HAVE CLOSED 6,400 OF
22 THESE CASES, APPROXIMATELY 3,900 OF THEM HAVE BEEN CLOSED AS
23 SUCCESSFUL COMPLETIONS. THE OTHERS ARE ADMINISTRATIVE CLOSINGS
24 BECAUSE OF REARRESTS, CONVICTIONS, RETURN TO PRISON AND THINGS
25 LIKE THAT. WE HAVE APPROXIMATELY 1,690 OFFENDERS WHO HAVE



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1 ABSCONDED FROM SUPERVISION. AND AN ADDITIONAL 958 OFFENDERS
2 WHO SHOW AS WARRANT STATUS BECAUSE THEY HAVE BEEN DEPORTED
3 FROM LOS ANGELES COUNTY. TOTAL ACTIVE CASES UNDER SUPERVISION
4 BY THE PROBATION DEPARTMENT ARE 8,325. THIS GRAPH QUICKLY
5 SHOWS THE PROJECTIONS THAT WE RECEIVED FROM THE STATE AS TO
6 HOW MANY CASES WE WOULD RECEIVE BY MONTH, WHICH IS THE BLUE
7 LINE. THE RED LINE IS THE ACTUAL NUMBER OF CASES WE RECEIVED
8 BY MONTH FROM C.D.C.R. THE NUMBERS ARE FAIRLY CLOSE. THE
9 CUMULATIVE OVERAGE IS APPROXIMATELY 10 PERCENT HIGHER THAN
10 WHAT THE STATE ESTIMATED IN TOTAL RELEASES TO LOS ANGELES
11 COUNTY. ACTIVE CASES, WE HAVE AS I SAID EARLIER 8,325. JUST
12 ONE NOTE. THIS GRAPH LOOKS A LITTLE DIFFERENT THAN PREVIOUS
13 GRAPHS IN THAT WHAT WE HAVE DONE IS TO SUBTRACT OUT THOSE WHO
14 ARE ON WARRANT STATUS WHICH I PREVIOUSLY DISCUSSED IN MONTHS
15 PAST THIS WOULD SHOW APPROXIMATELY 10,300 OR SO INDIVIDUALS
16 UNDER SUPERVISION. BUT WHEN YOU SUBTRACT OUT THOSE ON WARRANT
17 STATUS BECAUSE WE ARE NOT SUPERVISING THEM, WE HAVE ADJUSTED
18 THE NUMBERS AND APPROXIMATELY 2,000 LESS THAN WHAT YOU'VE SEEN
19 IN PAST MONTHS. NUMBER OF DEFENDANTS SENTENCED, THESE ARE
20 INDIVIDUALS WHO HAVE BEEN GIVEN LOCAL PRISON TIME BY THE
21 COURTS. WE'RE AVERAGING ABOUT 650 OFFENDERS A MONTH COMING
22 INTO THE SHERIFF'S JAILS. I BELIEVE THE SHERIFF HAS DATA ON
23 THE AVERAGE SENTENCE LENGTH AND HOW MUCH TIME IS BEING SPENT
24 IN CUSTODY, SO I'LL LEAVE THAT TO THEM TO PROVIDE TO YOU. THIS
25 IS A BREAKDOWN OF THE CUMULATIVE WARRANTS THAT WE DISCUSSED



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1 EARLIER. THE NUMBER THAT IS REALLY THE ONE TO PAY THE MOST
2 ATTENTION TO IS THE NUMBER 1,690. THOSE ARE THE NUMBER OF
3 OFFENDERS OUT THERE THAT WE CANNOT FIND AS OF THE END OF
4 AUGUST. WHEN WE TALK ABOUT ARRESTS, ONE OF THE MOST FREQUENT
5 QUESTIONS I GET, HOW MANY OF THESE OFFENDERS HAVE BEEN RE-
6 ARRESTED SINCE THE PROGRAM BEGAN? ESSENTIALLY 38 PERCENT OF
7 THEM HAVE BEEN REARRESTED SINCE COMING INTO LOS ANGELES
8 COUNTY. A SIGNIFICANT PORTION OF THEM HAVE BEEN RE-ARRESTED
9 MORE THAN ONCE, 62 PERCENT HAVE NOT BEEN ARRESTED. AGAIN AS
10 KIND OF AN ADVISORY NOT TO NOT PUT TOO MUCH EMPHASIS ON THIS
11 IS THAT OF THAT 62 PERCENT WHO HAVE NOT BEEN ARRESTED, SOME OF
12 THEM MAY HAVE ONLY BEEN IN L.A. COUNTY FOR A MATTER OF DAYS.
13 THIS INCLUDES THE ENTIRE POPULATION FROM THE BEGINNING OF 2011
14 UNTIL THE END OF AUGUST.

15

16 **SUP. KNABE:** BUT YOU'RE SAYING, EXCUSE ME, JERRY, YOU'RE SAYING
17 THE 38 PERCENT THAT HAVE BEEN ARRESTED, OVER HALF OF THEM HAVE
18 BEEN ARRESTED MORE THAN ONCE?

19

20 **JERRY POWERS:** MANY OF THEM HAVE BEEN ARRESTED MORE THAN ONCE,
21 YES. SO IF WE COUNTED TOTAL NUMBER OF ARRESTS, THEN YOU WOULD
22 SEE A SIGNIFICANTLY HIGHER NUMBER OF TOTAL ARRESTS. WE'VE HAD
23 SOME P.S.PS ARRESTED FOR FIVE, SIX, SEVEN, TEN TIMES OR MORE.

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1 **SUP. KNABE:** WHAT TIME PERIOD IS THAT? THEY ARE GOING OUT AND
2 COMING BACK OUT? WHAT TIME PERIOD IS THAT PERSON ARRESTED
3 FOUR, FIVE, SIX TIMES?

4

5 **JERRY POWERS:** SOMETIMES THOSE INDIVIDUALS WOULD BE RELEASED TO
6 US IN MAYBE DECEMBER OF 2011 OR SOMETIME AROUND THERE AND OVER
7 THE PAST 15 MONTHS OR SO, THEY SUSTAINED MULTIPLE MISDEMEANOR
8 ARRESTS TYPICALLY FOR THINGS THAT WOULD RESULT IN THEM
9 RETURNING TO CUSTODY FOR SHORTER PERIODS OF TIME. BEING
10 RELEASED AND THEN COMING BACK UNDER SUPERVISION.

11

12 **SUP. KNABE:** GOT IT. THANK YOU.

13

14 **JERRY POWERS:** YOU CAN SEE THAT THE FLASH INCARCERATION HAS
15 INCREASED DMA MATILY HAS OUR POPULATION HAS. WE ARE AVERAGING
16 AROUND 900 OR SO INCARCERATIONS OVER THE TWO OUT OF THE LAST
17 THREE MONTHS. FLASH INCARCERATION TERMS. THE TWO NUMBERS BELOW
18 IT RRANKLY ARE NOT AS SIGNIFICANT AS THAT HIGHER NUMBER.
19 THAT'S THE TOTAL. SOME OF THOSE SANCTIONS OCCUR THE FLASH
20 TERMS OCCUR STRAIGHT FROM THE PROBATION OFFICER. SOME OF THEM
21 OCCUR THROUGH THE COURTS PROCESSES. AS WE DISCUSSED LAST MONTH
22 WHEN WE GAVE OUR PRESENTATION, WE HAVE FORMED A COMPLEX CASE
23 COMMITTEE TO DEAL WITH THOSE THAT SUPERVISOR KNABE YOU WERE
24 ASKING QUESTIONS ABOUT SOME OF THOSE, SOME OF WHAT WE CALL
25 FREQUENT FLYERS, THOSE MORE COMPLEX CASES, THE ONES WHO DON'T



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1 SEEM TO UNDERSTAND THAT THEY NEED TO REMAIN LAW-ABIDING. WE
2 HAD THE INITIAL MEETING ON SEPTEMBER 16TH. AND THERE ARE THE
3 MEMBERS OF THAT COMMITTEE. I THINK YOU'LL HEAR A LITTLE BIT
4 MORE ABOUT THAT LATER. REVOCATIONS, AGAIN, AS OUR POPULATION
5 IS INCREASED, YOU'RE SEEING INDIVIDUALS RETURN TO COURT ON
6 REVOCATIONS. REVOCATIONS ARE SIMPLY FOR A PERIOD LONGER THAN A
7 FLASH TERM. REVOCATION REQUIRES THE COURT TO MAKE A
8 DETERMINATION THAT THE INDIVIDUALS VIOLATED AND THEY GET
9 SENTENCED BACK TO THE SHERIFF'S CUSTODY FOR A PERIOD OF
10 INCARCERATION. STAFFING UPDATE, WE FILLED APPROXIMATELY TWO-
11 THIRDS OF THE POSITIONS THAT ARE AVAILABLE FOR SUPERVISION
12 SINCE THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE PROGRAM. WE CONTINUE TO
13 ACTIVELY CONDUCT BACKGROUNDS AND RECRUIT FOR CANDIDATES NOT
14 ONLY FOR D.P.O.2 POSITIONS BUT THE D.P.O.1 POSITIONS BEHIND
15 THEM. WE ARE SOMEWHERE AROUND 900 INDIVIDUALS ARE IN
16 BACKGROUNDS BEING SCREENED BY THE DEPARTMENT FOR DEPARTMENTAL
17 POSITIONS, BOTH PROMOTIONAL AND NEW HIRE POSITIONS. OUR OFFICE
18 SPACE UPDATE, YOU CAN SEE THAT MANY OF OUR REGIONAL OFFICES
19 HAVE BEEN -- THE LEASES HAVE BEEN EXECUTED, AND WE ARE SOON TO
20 OCCUPY, IF EVERYTHING GOES ACCORDING TO PLAN, WE HAVE TWO
21 ADDITIONAL OFFICES THAT WE ARE STILL WORKING WITH C.E.O. REAL
22 ESTATE ON IDENTIFYING AND EXECUTING LEASES ON. COMPLIANCE
23 CHECKS SURVEY. AT YOUR BOARD'S DIRECTION WE SENT A SURVEY OUT.
24 AND YOU'VE BEEN PROVIDED WITH THE RESULTS OF THAT SURVEY,
25 INCLUDING THE UNEDITED COMMENTS. I WOULD SAY THAT WE HAVE SEEN



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1 A SIGNIFICANT INCREASE IN THE POSITIVE COMMENTS RELATED TO
2 COMPLIANCE CHECKS CONDUCTED BY L.A.P.D., THE SHERIFF'S
3 DEPARTMENT AND THE PROBATION DEPARTMENT. MANY OF THE COMMENTS
4 THAT WE SEE THAT ARE NEGATIVE STILL REVOLVE AROUND THE
5 QUESTIONS OF THE ADEQUACY OF THE NUMBER OF OFFICERS THAT ARE
6 SHOWING UP TO THE LOCATIONS AND THE APPEARANCE THAT IT GIVES
7 IN THE COMMUNITY WHEN YOU HAVE A LARGE NUMBER OF BLACK AND
8 WHITE VEHICLES SHOW UP. CONVERSELY, WE SEE A LOT OF COMMENTS
9 FROM THE TREATMENT PROVIDERS THAT SAY THAT THEY APPRECIATE THE
10 COMPLIANCE CHECKS BECAUSE IT HELPS REINFORCE THE NECESSITY TO
11 THE OFFENDERS TO REMAIN IN COMPLIANCE. WE HAVE CREATED A
12 DOCUMENT IN WORKING WITH OUR C.D.O.S AND OUR LOCAL LAW
13 ENFORCEMENT, A DOCUMENT WE'RE CALLING THE BEST PRACTICES
14 DOCUMENT. AND WE WILL BE UTILIZING THOSE AGREED-UPON
15 STRATEGIES GOING FORWARD. AND MANY OF THE AGENCIES, SHERIFF'S
16 DEPARTMENT, L.A.P.D. HAVE ALREADY ADOPTED THE VAST MAJORITY OF
17 THOSE BEST PRACTICES. PRISON REDUCTION, I KNOW THAT'S BEEN A
18 QUESTION THAT HAS BEEN ASKED OF ME MULTIPLE TIMES. THE
19 GOVERNOR HAS SIGNED S.B.105 WHICH IS ESSENTIALLY A HYBRID
20 VERSION OF THE SENATE PRO TEM'S PROPOSAL AND THE GOVERNOR'S
21 PROPOSAL ON DEALING WITH THE NUMBER OF OFFENDERS THAT THE
22 STATE IS GOING TO BE OUT OF COMPLIANCE RELATING TO THE 137.5 I
23 WOULD SIMPLY SAY THAT OUR VOICE IN SACRAMENTO WAS HEARD WHEN
24 WE SAID THAT WE DID NOT HAVE THE INFRASTRUCTURE, THE CAPACITY
25 TO TAKE ADDITIONAL RELEASES. THE GOVERNOR'S PLAN IS TO



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1 CONTRACT FOR BEDS. THE DURABLE SOLUTION, I THINK EVERYONE IS
2 ACKNOWLEDGING IS PROBABLY MORE CONTAINED IN SENATOR
3 STEINBERG'S PROPOSAL. THE FACT THAT THEY BOTH MERGED MAKES A
4 LOT OF SENSE. AND I'M OPTIMISTIC THAT WE'RE NOT GOING TO HAVE
5 TO KEEP HAVING THIS DISCUSSION MONTH AFTER MONTH AND YEAR
6 AFTER YEAR AS THE STATE CONTINUES TO TRY TO COMPLY WITH A
7 THREE-JUDGE PANEL. ONE OF THE THINGS FROM A PROBATION
8 PERSPECTIVE THAT I THINK WAS VERY POSITIVE THAT CAME OUT OF
9 THIS WAS THE ISSUE OF SENATE BILL 678 WHICH WAS PREVIOUSLY
10 ENACTED SEVERAL YEARS AGO, THE FUNDING ALLOCATION FOR S.B.678
11 IT APPEARS IT WILL BE IMPACTED IN TWO WAYS. ONE IS THAT THE
12 SUNSET WAS REMOVED FROM IT AND WHICH IS A POSITIVE. L.A.
13 COUNTY IS PROJECTING A 35 MILLION DOLLAR ALLOCATION IN THAT
14 ACCOUNT COMING TO US. I ANTICIPATE THAT BASED UPON THE
15 LEGISLATION THAT WAS PASSED, THAT WE'LL SEE A FAIRLY
16 SIGNIFICANT INCREASE IN THAT ALLOCATION WHICH WE'RE USING FOR
17 ADULT DAY REPORTING CENTERS AND PREVENTION PROGRAMS FOR
18 OFFENDERS. I'LL NOW TURN IT OVER TO DR. SOUTHARD TO DISCUSS
19 THE MENTAL HEALTH OUTCOMES.

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21 **DR. MARVIN SOUTHARD:** MR. CHAIRMAN, MEMBERS OF THE BOARD, THE
22 MENTAL HEALTH ENGAGEMENT AND TREATMENT RATE STAYS AT 70
23 PERCENT AS I NOTED LAST TIME. THE INCREASE IN OUR PERCENTAGE
24 OF ENGAGEMENT HAS BEEN DUE MOSTLY TO THE ASSISTANCE FROM THE
25 PROBATION STAFF IN EXERCISING SANCTIONS FOR THOSE WHO ARE



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1 RELUCTANT TO ENGAGE IN TREATMENT. THE NUMBER OF UNIQUE CLIENTS
2 SERVED BY THE D.M.H. AND OUR PROVIDERS IS 4,878. I HAVE SOME
3 STRATEGIES AND RECOMMENDATIONS TO REPORT. FIRST IS THAT WE ARE
4 RECOMMENDING ADDITIONAL A.B.109- FUNDED STAFF TO PERFORM
5 FUNCTIONS. AND THOSE INCLUDE ADDITIONAL A.B.109 STAFF TO DEAL
6 WITH THE ADDITIONAL MENTALLY ILL PATIENTS IN JAIL WHO ARE
7 CAUSING GREATER NEEDS THERE. SO WE'RE REQUESTING A.B.109 FUNDS
8 FOR THAT PURPOSE. WE'RE ALSO EXPANDING OUR RESIDENTIAL AND
9 OUTPATIENT PROGRAMS FOR INDIVIDUALS WITH MENTAL HEALTH AND CO-
10 OCCURRING MENTAL ILLNESS AND SUBSTANCE ABUSE PROBLEMS. WE ARE
11 DEVELOPING A TRAINING CURRICULUM FOR D.M.H. CONTRACT PROVIDERS
12 AND DIRECTLY OPERATED D.M.H. STAFF TO IMPROVE THEIR ABILITY TO
13 ENGAGE WITH AND MEET THE NEEDS OF PERSONS WITH CRIMINAL
14 JUSTICE HISTORIES WHO HAVE MENTAL ILLNESS AND COOCCURRING
15 DISORDERS. OUR PROVIDER NETWORK CURRENTLY IS WITH EXPERIENCED
16 FORENSIC PROVIDERS, BUT WE THINK THIS POPULATION IS
17 SPECIALIZED AND SO WE'RE PROVIDING THE PROVIDERS WITH
18 SPECIALIZED TRAINING. WE'RE RECEIVING FUNDING FOR PSYCHIATRIC
19 MEDICATIONS FOR THOSE INDIVIDUALS WHO ARE RECEIVING MENTAL
20 HEALTHCARE IN THE COMMUNITY. AND WE'RE INCREASING OUR ABILITY
21 TO DO INREACH IN THE JAIL FOR INDIVIDUALS SO THAT THEY ARE
22 LINKED TO A PROGRAM ONCE THEY ARE DISCHARGED BECAUSE ONE OF
23 THE THINGS THAT WE FOUND IS THAT WAITING FOR THE DISCHARGE TO
24 TAKE PLACE CREATES A TIME WHEN PEOPLE TYPICALLY WILL GO BACK
25 TO THEIR DRUG DEALER RATHER THAN TO TREATMENT. SO IF WE CAN DO



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1 THE INREACH, WE'LL HAVE A GREATER CAPACITY TO LINK PEOPLE
2 PRODUCTIVELY TO TREATMENT. AND TO THAT END, WE ARE LOOKING AT
3 SENATOR STEINBERG'S SENATE S.B.82 TO SEE IF THERE ARE SOME
4 WAYS WE CAN USE THE TRIAGE PERSONNEL CONTEMPLATED IN THAT BILL
5 TO FUND LINKAGE TEAMS THAT WOULD HELP OUR FORENSIC CLIENTS,
6 OUR CRIMINAL JUSTICE CLIENTS GET TO THE TREATMENT THAT THEY
7 NEED. THAT WILL BE ONE OF THE PROPOSALS THAT WE PUT IN OUR
8 PROPOSAL WHEN THAT PROCESS STARTS. ADDITIONALLY, WE'LL BE
9 LOOKING AT THE CAPITAL FUNDS TO SEE IF WE CAN USE THOSE FUNDS
10 TO CREATE A FORENSIC URGENT CARE AS WELL AS CRISIS RESIDENTIAL
11 PROGRAMS, WHICH SHOULD BE HELPFUL TO OUR FORENSIC POPULATIONS.
12 YOU HAD -- YOUR BOARD HAD SOME INTEREST IN WHAT'S HAPPENING
13 WITH THE MENTALLY DISORDERED OFFENDERS. CURRENTLY, THERE'S 17
14 INDIVIDUALS WHO ARE FORMERLY MENTALLY DISORDERED OFFENDERS WHO
15 ARE RECEIVING TREATMENT IN LOS ANGELES. ONE IS WAITING FOR A
16 PLACEMENT IN A STATE HOSPITAL. ONE IS WAITING FOR ADMISSION TO
17 A LOCKED SUBACUTE FACILITY. FOUR ARE RECEIVING TREATMENT IN
18 INTENSIVE STEPDOWN FACILITIES, 10 ARE CURRENTLY ACTIVELY
19 PARTICIPATING IN OUTPATIENT INTENSIVE MENTAL HEALTH TREATMENT.
20 AND ONE IS AN ENROLLED OUTPATIENT WHO HAS NOT BEEN COMPLIANT
21 WITH TREATMENT AND HAS BEEN REPORTED TO PROBATION AS OUT OF
22 COMPLIANCE WITH HIS TREATMENT. D.M.H. IS CONTINUING TO MONITOR
23 THE RELEASES OF ALL PREVIOUSLY MENTALLY DISORDERED OFFENDERS
24 UNDER A.B.109 AND ARE SUPPORTING THE CONTINUING COUNTY



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1 LEGISLATIVE EFFORT TO CHANGE THE RULES SO THAT THESE PEOPLE
2 DON'T COME UNDER OUR SUPERVISION.

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4 **SUP. KNABE:** MR. CHAIRMAN? JUST TO GO BACK TO THAT ONE AND THE
5 ONE BEFORE. AS IT RELATES TO THAT LAST SLIDE, ARE THE RECORDS
6 THAT WE'RE GETTING ON BEHALF OF THE 109 FOLKS, ARE THEY BEING
7 -- ARE WE BEING BETTER INFORMED AS TO THEIR MENTAL HEALTH
8 CONDITIONS WHETHER THE DRUGS ARE THERE ORWHAT WHAT KIND OF
9 TREATMENT THEY'D BEEN RECEIVING UP TO THAT POINT? THAT WAS AN
10 EARLIER PROBLEM. ARE THEY GETTING BETTER OR WORSE OR THE SAME?

11

12 **JERRY POWERS:** IT GOT BETTER, THEN GOT WORSE AGAIN. AND THEN WE
13 FIXED THE PROBLEM AND IT'S GOTTEN BETTER AGAIN. SO WE HAD A
14 GLITCH OCCUR IN WHICH WE WERE TOLD THAT FOR SOME OF THE
15 INDIVIDUALS, WE WEREN'T GOING TO BE ABLE TO GET THE RECORDS
16 BECAUSE THE STATE RECORDKEEPING SYSTEM HAD CHANGED AND THEY
17 DIDN'T HAVE ACCESS TO IT. WE USED OUR FRIENDS IN PROBATION TO
18 GET US ACCESS TO THE RECORDS THROUGH THEIR RESOURCES. AND SO
19 WE FIXED THE GLITCH THAT WAY, SUPERVISOR.

20

21 **SUP. KNABE:** AND THEN THE ONE BEFORE THAT, YOU MENTIONED, IF WE
22 CAN LOOK AT THE PREVIOUS SLIDE? THE ONE THAT WAITING IN
23 MISSION STATE HOSPITAL? IN THE MEANTIME ASSAULTED THE STAFF
24 AND THEY HAD TO RETURN TO JAIL?

25



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1 **JERRY POWERS:** NO. HE WAS DISCHARGED FROM STATE HOSPITAL TO
2 JAIL BECAUSE WHILE HE WAS IN STATE HOSPITAL, HE ASSAULTED A
3 STAFF PERSON. HAVING FINISHED THAT TIME IN JAIL, HE'S BEING
4 RETURNED TO STATE HOSPITAL WHENCE HE CAME.

5

6 **SUP. KNABE:** I GOT YOU.

7

8 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** ALL RIGHT. THANKS VERY MUCH. I
9 SHOULD SAY THAT THE BOARD IS GOING TO HAVE TO RECESS INTO
10 CLOSED SESSION. WE HAVE A TIME-SENSITIVE MATTER TO ADDRESS.
11 AND WE ARE GOING TO HAVE TO RETURN TO PICK UP THE BALANCE OF
12 THE REPORT AFTER HAVING DONE SO. SO, SUPERVISOR, CAN YOU HOLD
13 YOUR QUESTIONS FOR THE TIME BEING? YES? ALL RIGHT. WE
14 APOLOGIZE. BUT THAT'S THE -- ALL RIGHT. DO YOU WANT TO BRING
15 IT IN AFTER WE RETURN? YES? OKAY. MADAM EXECUTIVE OFFICER.
16 JUST HOLD FOR A LITTLE BIT. MADAM EXECUTIVE OFFICER?

17

18 **LORAYNE LINGAT:** IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE BROWN ACT REQUIREMENTS
19 NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS WILL
20 CONVENE IN CLOSED SESSION TO DISCUSS ITEMS NUMBERS CS-1
21 CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL REGARDING EXISTING LITIGATION,
22 ITEM NUMBER CS-3 AND CS-4, CONFERENCES WITH LEGAL COUNSEL
23 REGARDING SIGNIFICANT EXPOSURE TO LITIGATION, ITEM NUMBER CS-
24 5, CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL REGARDING INITIATION OF
25 LITIGATION, AND ITEM NUMBER CS-6, CONFERENCE WITH LABOR



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1 NEGOTIATORS WILLIAM T FUJIOKA AND DESIGNATED STAFF AS
2 INDICATED ON THE POSTED AND SUPPLEMENTAL AGENDAS.

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5 **[CLOSED SESSION]**

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8 **SUP. KNABE:** ALL RIGHT. LET'S GO TO PUBLIC HEALTH THEN.

9

10 **JOHN _____:** MEMBERS OF THE BOARD, I'M JOHN WITH THE DEPARTMENT
11 OF PUBLIC HEALTH AND SUBSTANCE ABUSE PREVENTION AND CONTROL.

12

13 **SUP. KNABE:** ALL RIGHT. GO AHEAD. ON YOUR MARK ...

14

15 **JOHN _____:** SINCE OCTOBER OF 2011, THERE HAS BEEN A TOTAL OF
16 11,989 REFERRALS AND RE-REFERRALS THAT WERE INITIATED FROM THE
17 DEPARTMENT OF PROBATION IN THE AREA OFFICES TO THE DEPARTMENT
18 OF PUBLIC HEALTH SUBSTANCE ABUSE PREVENTION AND CONTROLS
19 COMMUNITY ASSESSMENT SERVICE CENTERS. OF THESE, OF THIS TOTAL,
20 7,725 REFERRALS WERE INITIATED AT THE HUBS, 4,264 OF THE RE-
21 REFERRALS CAME FROM THE AREA PROBATION OFFICES. THE MAJORITY
22 OF ALL THE RE-REFERRALS ARE CLASSIFIED AS NOT SHOWING UP IN
23 THE INITIAL CASC ASSESSMENTS. CLINICALLY ASSESSED BY THE CASC
24 BEING AS NEGATIVE, NOT NEEDING TREATMENT AT THE TIME OF THE
25 ASSESSMENT OR RELAPSED WITH FURTHER TREATMENT REQUIRED. AT THE



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1 CASC, THE CASC HAVE HAD A TOTAL OF 10,542 CONTACTS OF
2 INDIVIDUALS COMING TO THE CASC FOR ASSESSMENT. EITHER
3 INITIALLY OR RE-REFERRALS. FIFTY-FOUR PERCENT ARE ASSOCIATED
4 WITH POSITIVE ASSESSMENTS, RECOMMENDATIONS FOR STD TREATMENT;
5 33 PERCENT OR 3,504 INDIVIDUALS WERE ASSOCIATED WITH NEGATIVE
6 ASSESSMENTS AND DEEMED NOT TO NEED TREATMENT SERVICES AT THE
7 TIME OF THE ASSESSMENT. SEVEN PERCENT OF THOSE THAT WERE
8 DETERMINED AS OTHER OR NOT ELIGIBLE FOR S.E.D. SERVICES
9 INCLUDING THOSE WITH MENTAL HEALTH OR CO-OCCURRING DISORDERS
10 SIX PERCENT OF THOSE THAT WERE AT THE C.A.S.C. FOR TREATMENT
11 REFERS REFUSED S.E.D. ASSESSMENT OR TREATMENT AND DID NOT --
12 WAS REPORTED INTO T.C.P.X. SOFTWARE FOR PROBATION TO BE
13 NOTIFIED WITHIN 24 TO 48 HOURS OF THE REFUSAL OF TREATMENT.

14

15 **SUP. KNABE:** THEY'RE NOT REPORTING. ARE THEY PART OF THE
16 NUMBERS OF THE ABSCONDERS?

17

18 **JOHN _____:** SOME MAY BE ABSCONDERS.

19

20 **SUP. KNABE:** IS THERE AN OVERLAP THERE?

21

22 **JOHN _____:** YES. AND SOME MAY HAVE BEEN REINCARCERATED. TABLE
23 ONE REPRESENTS THE TOTAL NUMBER A.B.109 CLIENT ADMISSIONS IN
24 THE ESTABLISHED TREATMENT PROVIDER SYSTEM. WE HAVE 12
25 PROVIDERS THAT PROVIDE SERVICES CURRENTLY IN LOS ANGELES



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1 COUNTY NOW FROM OCTOBER 1, 2011 TO AUGUST 30, 2013, A TOTAL OF
2 3,788 AB-109 CLIENTS REFERRED BY THE C.A.S.C. FOR S.E.D.
3 TREATMENT WITH A TOTAL 2,394 S.E.D. TREATMENT ADMISSIONS.
4 PLEASE NOTE THAT THE 3,788 A.B.109 CLIENTS GENERATED ABOUT
5 5,726 CONTACTS TO AND FROM THE C.A.S.C.S. AS OF AUGUST 30,
6 2013, 662 WERE ENGAGED IN S.E.D. TREATMENT WITH 1,732
7 DISCHARGES. OF THE 1,732 DISCHARGES, 38 PERCENT CONTINUED
8 TREATMENT SERVICES WHILE 62 PERCENT WERE CLASSIFIED AS
9 TREATMENT NON-COMPLETIONS. TREATMENT NON-COMPLETIONS CAN BE
10 ATTRIBUTED TO VARIOUS FACTORS, INCLUDING ABSCONDERS, RE-
11 ARRESTS OR INCARCERATION.

12

13 **SUP. KNABE:** SURE. SUPERVISOR MOLINA.

14

15 **SUP. MOLINA:** COMPLETION MEANS WHAT?

16

17 **JOHN _____:** COMPLETIONS MEANING THAT THEY HAVE COMPLETED THEIR
18 TREATMENT PROGRAM AS THEIR TREATMENT PLAN RECOMMENDS.

19

20 **SUP. MOLINA:** WHAT WOULD BE LIKE A TREATMENT PLAN?

21

22 **JOHN _____:** A TREATMENT PLAN WOULD BE -- WOULD HAVE
23 OBJECTIVES, FOR EXAMPLE, REDUCTION IN THE DAYS THAT THEY'RE
24 USING EITHER ALCOHOL OR DRUGS. SOME OBJECTIVES ON THE
25 TREATMENT MAY INCLUDE--



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2 **SUP. MOLINA:** YOU KNOW THAT'S NOT -- SO TREATMENT ISN'T REALLY
3 A CLEANUP? IT ISN'T TREATING THEM TO DRY UP. IT'S JUST
4 TREATING THEM TO USE ALCOHOL LESS? WHICH OF COURSE IS NOT A
5 TREATMENT.

6

7 **JOHN _____:** SOME TREATMENT PROGRAMS MAY BE ALCOHOL LESS, OR
8 LESS USE, RIGHT? SO YOU CAN HAVE THOSE WHOSE TREATMENT PLANS,
9 THEY MAY CHOOSE TO BE COMPLETELY ABSTINENT.

10

11 **SUP. MOLINA:** I UNDERSTAND. BUT I'M ASKING YOU THE QUESTION OF
12 TREATMENT BECAUSE YOU LEAD US TO BELIEVE EVEN THOUGH THIS IS
13 PRETTY DISMAL THAT LESS THAN HALF ARE GOING THROUGH
14 COMPLETION. BUT IT DOESN'T DEFINE WHAT COMPLETION IS. CAN YOU
15 -- NOT NOW, BUT MAYBE DEFINE IT FOR ME BECAUSE I NEED TO KNOW
16 -- I MEAN, TO ME COMPLETION MEANS EITHER THEY HAVE COMPLETED
17 DRUG TREATMENT AND THEY'RE NOW CLEAN AND NOW I WOULD ASK THE
18 QUESTION ABOUT FOLLOW-UP OR ALCOHOL, WHATEVER, BUT IT'S
19 LEADING US TO BELIEVE THAT TREATMENT OR COMPLETION OF
20 TREATMENT MEANS THAT THERE'S SOMETHING NOW THAT HAS BEEN
21 COMPLETED. AND I'M NOT SURE SINCE COMPLETIONS NOT DEFINED. SO
22 IF YOU COULD DEFINE IT AS TO WHAT THAT PROGRAM ELEMENT IS, I
23 WILL BETTER UNDERSTAND WHAT COMPLETION IS.

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1 **JOHN _____**: WE'LL PUT THAT IN THE NOVEMBER REPORT SO THAT WE
2 CAN TAKE A LOOK AT SOME OF THE OUTCOMES THAT WE'RE LOOKING AT.
3 BECAUSE SOME OF THE THINGS THAT WE INCLUDE IN THE TREATMENT
4 PLANS REFER TO SOME SPECIFIC OUTCOMES. FOR EXAMPLE, IT MAY
5 INCLUDE GOING BACK TO WORK. IT MAY NOT INCLUDE COMPLETELY
6 BEING ABSTINENT, BUT IT MAY ALSO INCLUDE RECOVERY SUPPORT
7 GROUPS LIKE A.A., BUT IT ALSO MAY INCLUDE SOME TYPE OF
8 CLINICAL INTERVENTION, SUCH AS IN SOME CASES WITH OUR A.B.109
9 POPULATION, THE USE OF VIVITROL AS A MEANS --

10

11 **SUP. MOLINA**: I UNDERSTAND. THAT'S WHY I ASKED THE QUESTION.
12 BECAUSE EVEN IF YOU GO AND DRY UP ON ALCOHOLISM, THAT DOESN'T
13 MEAN YOU'RE CLEAN. YOU'RE ONLY AS CLEAN AS THE NEXT DRINK
14 YOU'RE GOING TO TAKE. I NEED TO KNOW WHAT THAT MEANS TO YOU
15 BECAUSE YOU'RE REPORTING TO ME A COMPLETION. I DON'T
16 UNDERSTAND WHAT THAT IS. AND SO IF YOU CAN DEFINE IT, IT MAY
17 MAY NOT MEAN NOTHING OF WHAT I THINK IT IS. SO IT'S BETTER IF
18 IT'S DEFINED SO WE'RE ALL ON THE SAME PAGE.

19

20 **JOHN _____**: OKAY. SO ON THE STRATEGIES OR RECOMMENDATIONS THAT
21 WE'RE WORKING ON, WE HAVE COMPLETED OUR REQUESTS FOR QUALIFIED
22 SERVICE AGREEMENTS, AND IT WILL BE COMING BEFORE THE BOARD I
23 THINK NOVEMBER 19TH FOR APPROVAL TO EXPAND OUR NETWORK OF
24 PROVIDERS. WE'RE ALSO LOOKING AT OUR WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT
25 PLAN FOR A.B.109 SUBSTANCE ABUSE DISORDERS AND ENGAGEMENT AND



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1 RETENTION OF CLIENTS IN TREATMENT. FROM THE INCEPTION OF
2 A.B.109 IN OCTOBER TO THE END OF FEBRUARY FISCAL YEAR 2012-
3 2013, THE PERCENT OF TREATMENT ADMISSIONS IN A.B.109 TREATMENT
4 PROVIDER NETWORKS STANDS AT ABOUT 63 PERCENT. THAT NEEDS TO BE
5 INCREASED TO A HIGHER VOLUME. D.B.H. IS IN THE PROCESS OF
6 SELECTING A NEW ASSESSMENT PATHWAYS THAT IMPROVES CASE
7 MANAGEMENT AND ACCOUNTS FOR -- ONE OF THE ISSUES THAT WE DID
8 NOT ACCOUNT FOR WAS CHROMOGENIC NEEDS AND TRAINING FOR A.B.109
9 TREATMENT PROVIDER NETWORK ON PROCESS IMPROVEMENT TO ENHANCE
10 ENGAGEMENT AND RETENTION IN TREATMENT. S.A.P.C. ANTICIPATES A
11 FIVE PERCENT INCREASE IN TREATMENT ADMISSIONS BY JUNE 2014.
12 AND ALSO WE ANTICIPATE AN INCREASE OF 100 PERCENT ON THE TOTAL
13 NUMBER OF TREATMENT PROVIDERS BY JUNE 2014. ANY QUESTIONS?

14

15 **SUP. KNABE:** IS THERE ANY QUESTIONS? MORE QUESTIONS? OKAY,
16 NEXT?

17

18 **LT. KEN MCQUADE:** GOOD AFTERNOON. MY NAME IS LIEUTENANT KEN
19 MCQUADE I'M WITH THE PAROLE COMPLIANCE TEAM. I'LL BE GOING
20 OVER THE NEXT PORTION HERE OF THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT REPORT
21 BACK. ONE OF THE SLIDES HERE IS OUR 1170 SLIDE WOULD INDICATE
22 AS OF SEPTEMBER 3RD OF 2013 WHAT OUR BREAKOUT IS FOR OUR N3
23 POPULATION. APPROXIMATELY AT THAT TIME 6,000. WE ALSO HAVE
24 SOME INDIVIDUALS THAT ARE IN OUR CBAC PROGRAM, APPROXIMATELY
25 24 CURRENTLY THAT ARE INVOLVED.



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2 **SUP. KNABE:** SIR, COULD YOU CLARIFY SOME OF YOUR --

3

4 **LT. KEN MCQUADE:** THE CBAC PROGRAM IS THE COMMUNITY-BASED
5 ALTERNATIVES FOR CUSTODY, TRYING TO FREE UP SOME OF THE BED
6 SPACE LOCATED WITHIN THE JAILS.

7

8 **SUP. KNABE:** AND YOUR 1170?

9

10 **LT. KEN MCQUADE:** 1170 IS BASICALLY THE N3 POPULATION. IT'S THE
11 PENAL CODE SECTION THAT CLASSIFIED OR CATEGORIZED THIS
12 POPULATION TO DO THEIR TIME IN THE COUNTY JAILS.

13

14 **SUP. KNABE:** OKAY, THANK YOU.

15

16 **LT. KEN MCQUADE:** SORRY ABOUT THAT. WITH THAT POPULATION, WE
17 HAVE 23 FEMALES, I DO BELIEVE, THAT ARE IN A DRUG TREATMENT
18 PROGRAM OUTSIDE IN A COMMUNITY-BASED ALTERNATIVE CUSTODY
19 PROGRAM. WE HAVE APPROXIMATELY 142 THAT ARE SERVING AS STATION
20 TRUSTEES. THEY ARE STILL CONSIDERED INCARCERATED BUT IT'S
21 OUTSIDE THE ACTUAL JAIL FACILITIES. HISTORICALLY TO DATE WE'VE
22 HAD ABOUT 15,700 INDIVIDUALS THAT ARE N3 CLASSIFIED COME IN
23 AND OUT OF THE JAIL FACILITIES. WE'RE LOOKING AT APPROXIMATELY
24 INMATE SENTENCE OF 24 MONTHS LEFT ON THEIR SENTENCE, ABOUT
25 450. THE AVERAGE SENTENCE IS 2.6 YEARS FOR THIS PARTICULAR



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1 POPULATION. AND THOSE THAT ARE OVER 10 YEARS IS 39 WITH ONE OF
2 THEM BEING 42. THE LAST PORTION OF THAT INDICATES THAT THE
3 LEADING CONVICTION CHARGE, WHICH IF IT'S AN INDIVIDUAL CHARGE,
4 IS 459 WHICH IS RESIDENTIAL BURGLARY. BUT IN ACTUALITY, IF YOU
5 BUNDLED ALL THE NARCOTICS VIOLATIONS TOGETHER AS ONE, IT WOULD
6 BE MUCH HIGHER. AND THAT WOULD BE YOUR LEAD CHARGE. THE NEXT
7 CHARGE INDICATES THE FLOW RATE. IN REGARDS TO THOSE THAT ARE
8 BEING SENTENCED THAT ARE CURRENTLY IN CUSTODY AND THEN BEING
9 RELEASED, THE ONLY POINT OF REFERENCE OR NOTE THAT I WOULD
10 LIKE TO IDENTIFY HERE IS THAT WE'RE SEEING A TREND IN THE LAST
11 FEW MONTHS OF 2013 WHERE WE HAVE MORE COMING IN THAN WE DO
12 HAVE BEING RELEASED, WHICH IS WHY WE'VE SEEN AN INCREASE IN
13 THE OVERALL JAIL POPULATION IN THE LAST FEW MONTHS. WE BELIEVE
14 THAT MIGHT BE -- WE DON'T HAVE SPECIFIC DATA YET. WE WILL ON
15 THE NEXT REPORT BACK, BUT IT MIGHT BE FOR TRENDS SUCH AS BEING
16 SUMMER, MORE PEOPLE ARE BEING INCARCERATED THAN IT IS DURING
17 THE WINTER MONTHS BECAUSE WE STILL SEE THAT SAME REFLECTION IN
18 THE YEAR PRIOR. SO THAT'S SOMETHING THAT WE WERE TOLD SOMEONE
19 WANTED TO KNOW. WITH THE L.A. COUNTY PAL WARRANTS HERE, THESE
20 ARE THE NUMBERS YOU'VE HEARD BEFORE THROUGH PROBATION, YOU SEE
21 TOTAL ACTIVE WARRANTS AS OF 8/31 IS 2,456. IF YOU EXTRACT THE
22 ONES WE KNOW HAVE BEEN DEPORTED OR THE ONES THAT WERE DENIED
23 EXTRADITION FROM OUT OF STATE, YOU'RE LOOKING AT AROUND 1,443.
24 THE REPEAT ABSCONDERS, THESE ARE INDIVIDUALS THAT WITHIN --
25 SINCE BEING RELEASED AS OF OCTOBER OF 2011, SO SOME OF THESE



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1 COULD BE REPEAT OFFENDERS EVEN AFTER THAT WHERE THEY'VE
2 RECEIVED MORE THAN ONE REVOCATION WARRANT WHERE THEY'VE BEEN
3 TAKEN INTO CUSTODY, GONE THROUGH THE PROCESS, SERVED THEIR
4 TIME, BEEN BACK OUT, STILL HAVEN'T GONE WITH THE PROGRAM. SO
5 WITH THAT YOU HAVE 1,350 OF THESE P.S.P.S WHO HAVE GENERATED
6 APPROXIMATELY 3,200 OF THESE REVOCATION WARRANTS. THIS IS THE
7 ABSCONDER TEAM EFFORTS AS OF APRIL OF 2013. WE WERE REDIRECTED
8 TO FOCUS PRIMARILY ON THE ABSCONDERS. AT THAT TIME MY TEAM HAD
9 ONE, OR OUT OF MY FIVE HAD ONE TEAM THAT WAS DEDICATED TO
10 LOCATING ABSCONDERS. NOW THAT I HAVE ALL FIVE, WE HAVE
11 SIGNIFICANT INCREASE OVERALL SINCE THE INCEPTION, SO WE'VE
12 ALREADY ARRESTED 203 OF JUST THE P.S.P. ABSCONDERS. WHEN WE GO
13 DO THESE CONTACTS AND LOCATE THESE INDIVIDUALS, WE ALSO END UP
14 ARRESTING OTHER PEOPLE FOR OTHER VARIOUS OPEN CHARGES. SO
15 SINCE THE INCEPTION, MY FIVE TEAMS HAVE MADE OVER 2,300
16 ARRESTS ON PEOPLE EITHER ASSOCIATED WITH THE P.S.P.
17 POPULATION, SUCH AS NEIGHBORS OR CONTACTS OR ANYTHING THAT WAS
18 ALSO RELATED DURING THESE COMPLIANCE CHECKS. AND THOSE JUST
19 SHOW OUR OVERALL FIGURES ON THAT SLIDE. ONE OF THE OTHER
20 QUESTIONS THAT WAS BROUGHT TO US WAS THE RELATIVE MATTERS OF
21 THE PAROLE VIOLATORS. AS WE KNOW ON JULY 1ST OF 2013, THE
22 PAROLE VIOLATIONS NOW FELL INTO SUPERIOR COURT. AND PRIOR TO
23 THAT, WE WERE DOING THESE HEARINGS BOTH AT MEN'S CENTRAL JAIL
24 AND AT WAYSIDE AVERAGING ABOUT 759 A MONTH. NOW THAT WE HAVE
25 TAKEN THIS OVER, IT'S BEEN ABOUT 200 SO FAR. THE AVERAGE



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1 SENTENCING BY THEM, BECAUSE OF A.B.109, EVEN THOUGH THEY WERE
2 GOING THROUGH THE PAROLE BOARD HEARINGS, AS OF OCTOBER 2011,
3 THEY WERE STILL SERVING THEIR TIME IN THE COUNTY JAIL. SO THE
4 AVERAGE VIOLATION WAS ABOUT 120 DAYS, AND THEY WERE SERVING
5 ABOUT 54. BUT IF YOU GO TO THE NEXT SLIDE, NOW THAT IT'S UNDER
6 THIS NEW ONE THE AVERAGE SENTENCE IS AROUND 145 AND THEY'RE
7 BEING SENTENCED, THEY'RE DOING ABOUT 45 DAYS. SO THE VIOLATORS
8 NOW SERVING LESS TIME BUT WE'RE STILL IN THE PROCESS OF
9 FIGURING OUT THE DATA FROM THE WAY THE STATE DID IT TO THE WAY
10 THE COURT SYSTEM IS WORKING ON IT. SO WE STILL THINK IT'S TOO
11 EARLY TO TELL FOR THE EXACT WAY IT'S IMPACTING OUR JAILS.
12 THAT'S ALL I HAVE FOR THAT PORTION.

13

14 **JERRY POWERS:** MR. CHAIRMAN?

15

16 **SUP. KNABE:** ARE THERE ANY QUESTIONS?

17

18 **JERRY POWERS:** YES. A COUPLE COMMENTS BEFORE WE GO TO
19 QUESTIONS. ONE OF THEM RELATE TO SUPERVISOR MOLINA'S COMMENTS
20 IN THE PRIOR ITEM WITH RESPECT TO THE GRADUAL DECREASE IN
21 POPULATION. I JUST WANTED TO CLARIFY THAT THE GRADUAL DECREASE
22 WHEN I REFER TO A GRADUAL DECREASE OVER TIME IN POPULATION,
23 THAT'S NOT THE CUSTODY/IN CUSTODY POPULATION. THAT'S THE OUT
24 OF CUSTODY POPULATION BEING SUPERVISED BY PROBATION. AS THE
25 LIEUTENANT SHOWED IN HIS CHART, THERE WILL BE A FAIRLY STEADY



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1 IN-CUSTODY POPULATION, AND WE DON'T EXPECT A DECREASE OVER
2 TIME IN THAT POPULATION. LASTLY, I WOULD SAY WITH RESPECT TO
3 FUTURE REPORTS FROM US, AS YOU KNOW, IN OCTOBER WILL BE THE
4 END OF THE SECOND YEAR IN THIS PROGRAM. THE REPORT IN OCTOBER
5 WILL BE TOO CLOSE TO THE END OF THE SECOND YEAR FOR US TO GIVE
6 YOU YEAR-TWO SUMMARIES AND DO COMPARISONS. SO WHAT WE ARE
7 ANTICIPATING IS THE NOVEMBER REPORT WE WILL COME BACK TO YOU
8 AND HAVE YEAR ONE DATA COMPARED TO YEAR TWO DATA AND MAKE SOME
9 QUALITATIVE JUDGMENTS. I WOULD PUT ON YOUR AGENDA FOR THE
10 OCTOBER DISCUSSION THAT WE WOULD CERTAINLY -- IT'S OUR PLAN TO
11 TELL YOU WHAT MEASUREMENTS WE'RE GOING TO PROVIDE FOR YOU IN
12 NOVEMBER AND ENTERTAIN ANY ADDITIONAL MEASUREMENTS THAT YOU
13 WOULD LIKE TO SEE FOR THAT NOVEMBER REPORT.

14

15 **SUP. KNABE:** THAT WOULD BE HELPFUL.

16

17 **JERRY POWERS:** SO WITH THAT WE WILL BE READY FOR ANY QUESTIONS
18 YOU MIGHT HAVE.

19

20 **SUP. KNABE:** MIKE, YOU HAVE SOME QUESTIONS? COULD WE HAVE THE
21 LIGHTS UP? ARE WE DONE?

22

23 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** AS WAS STATED HERE, WE WANT TO THANK YOU FOR
24 YOUR GOOD WORK ON THIS. BUT LOOKING AT SLIDE SEVEN OF THE
25 PRESENTATION, ACTIVE WARRANTS FOR SUPERVISED PERSONS DROPPED



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1 SLIGHTLY IN APRIL/MAY AND THEN INCREASED IN JUNE, ANOTHER JUMP
2 IN JULY. WHAT IS OUR TAKE-AWAY FOR THE REASONS WHY THESE
3 WARRANTS ARE GOING UP? WHAT ARE WE TO BE DOING ABOUT THAT?

4

5 **JERRY POWERS:** GREAT QUESTION, SUPERVISOR. I THINK THE PRIMARY
6 REASON FOR THE INCREASE IN WARRANTS IS AS WE STAFF UP, AS WE
7 GET MORE STAFF AND OUR EYES ON THESE CASES INCREASE, YOU WILL
8 SEE WARRANTS BEING REQUESTED QUICKER. AND AS WE'VE LEARNED
9 FROM SOME OF OUR PREVIOUS, MORE HIGH PROFILE EXAMPLES, I THINK
10 IT'S CRITICAL FOR US TO REQUEST THE WARRANT AS QUICKLY AS
11 POSSIBLE TO GET IT INTO THE SYSTEM SO IF THE INDIVIDUAL'S
12 CONTACTED OUT THERE, MAYBE WE CAN GET THEM ON THE WARRANT AS
13 OPPOSED TO A NEW OFFENSE. THE VAST MAJORITY OF THAT OR THE
14 PRIMARY PUSHERS OF THAT I BELIEVE ARE AS WE ADD ADDITIONAL
15 RESOURCES, WE'RE GOING TO FIND MORE INDIVIDUALS WHO NEED TO BE
16 PUT IN WARRANT STATUS. YOU'RE GOING TO SEE MORE FLASH
17 INCARCERATION TERMS. AND YOU'RE GOING TO SEE MORE REVOCATIONS.

18

19 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** AND THEN ON SLIDE 24, THE DEPARTMENT OF
20 MENTAL HEALTH INDICATED THAT ONE MENTALLY DISORDERED OFFENDER
21 HAD BEEN REPORTED TO PROBATION AS BEING OUT OF COMPLIANCE.
22 WHAT DOES PROBATION THEN DO IN THOSE INSTANCES? AND WHAT IS
23 BEING DONE ABOUT THE MENTALLY DISORDERED OFFENDER?

24



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1 **JERRY POWERS:** THE ONE WHO'S OUT OF COMPLIANCE, THERE'S A
2 WARRANT IN THE SYSTEM. WE REQUEST A WARRANT. WE GIVE OUR
3 S.E.O. TEAM THE INFORMATION TO LOOK FOR HIM AS AN ABSCONDER.
4 THE SHERIFF'S ABSCONDER UNIT WILL BE AWARE AS WELL AS ANY
5 LOCAL LAW ENFORCEMENT THAT WE KNOW OF WHERE THIS GUY MAY
6 ASSOCIATE OR LIVE.

7

8 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** SO HE'S A VERY DANGEROUS PERSON OUT WALKING
9 AROUND?

10

11 **JERRY POWERS:** AS A MENTALLY DISORDERED OFFENDER I THINK THAT'S
12 A FAIR CHARACTERIZATION.

13

14 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** THIS IS ANOTHER GIFT BY GOVERNOR BROWN BY
15 HAVING THESE INDIVIDUALS RECLASSIFIED AND BEING SENT DOWN TO
16 OUR COUNTIES, WHAT'S HAPPENING IN L.A. COUNTY I'M SURE IS
17 SIMILAR EVENTS ARE OCCURRING IN THE OTHER 57 COUNTIES.

18

19 **JERRY POWERS:** THE MENTALLY DISORDERED OFFENDERS ARE A
20 SIGNIFICANT CONCERN FOR US. I'D PREFER -- AND YOUR BOARD HAS
21 PURSUED LEGISLATION TO GIVE THEM BACK TO THE STATE. WE HAVEN'T
22 BEEN SUCCESSFUL. BUT I THINK WE STILL NEED TO PURSUE THAT.

23

24 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** RIGHT. AND FOR MENTAL HEALTH, ON PAGE -- I
25 SHOULD SAY ON YOUR SLIDE ON PAGE 23 INDICATES 17 FORMER



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1 MENTALLY DISORDERED PERSONS, M.D.O.S UNDER OUR CARE, THAT
2 NUMBER HAS TRIPLED IN THE PAST YEAR, IS THAT CORRECT?

3

4 **JERRY POWERS:** SUPERVISOR, I DON'T KNOW THE BASE NUMBER. I'D
5 HAVE TO GET BACK TO YOU ON THAT. BUT IT HAS INCREASED.

6

7 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** IT HAS TRIPLED. WHERE ARE THESE MENTALLY
8 DISORDERED THAT ARE WAITING FOR ADMISSIONS TO A STATE HOSPITAL
9 OR TO A LOCKED SUB-ACUTE FACILITY? AND DOES THAT MEAN THEY'RE
10 NOW AT HOME WITH A FAMILY OR ON G.P.S. TRACKING?

11

12 **JERRY POWERS:** TYPICALLY THEY ARE IN A HOSPITAL SETTING WAITING
13 FOR TRANSFER. THAT'S ONE OF THE PROBLEMS, COSTLY PROBLEMS
14 RELATED TO IT IS WE HOLD THEM IN USUALLY AN INPATIENT FACILITY
15 UNTIL WE CAN GET THEM SAFELY TRANSFERRED.

16

17 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** SO ONCE AGAIN WE'RE SEEING FROM THIS
18 INFORMATION THAT DUE TO RE-ALIGNMENT BY THE STATE, INMATES ARE
19 NOW SERVING TIME IN OUR COUNTY JAILS WHO ARE NOT LOW LEVEL
20 INMATES THAT WERE BEING TOLD TO US BY THE GOVERNOR PERSONALLY
21 AND BY MEMBERS OF THE LEGISLATURE. THE INMATE WITH THE LONGEST
22 SENTENCE OF 42 YEARS IS IN THERE FOR DRUG TRAFFICKING FOR A
23 MEXICAN CARTEL. NOW THIS IS A PERSON IN THE COUNTY JAIL. IT
24 HAD A STREET VALUE OF OVER 20 MILLION DOLLARS; SO THIS IS NOT
25 A NON-SERIOUS OFFENSE. IT IS ACCORDING TO RE-ALIGNMENT BECAUSE



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1 THERE WERE NO WEAPONS USED IN THE CRIME, DISREGARDING THE FACT
2 THAT THOSE DRUGS DESTROY FAMILIES AND COMMUNITIES AND WRECK
3 YOUNG LIVES FOREVER, BUT THE STATE LAWMAKERS CHALKED IT UP AS
4 NON-SERIOUS AND HARMLESS OFFENSE. AGAINST, THIS IS THE
5 STUPIDITY OF THAT LAW. SUPERVISOR MARK RIDLEY-THOMAS AND I
6 HAVE A MOTION. "UNDER PUBLIC POLICY, SAFETY RE-ALIGNMENT THE
7 COUNTY WAS ALLOCATED A CERTAIN AMOUNT OF FUNDING IN EXCHANGE
8 FOR ASSUMING SIGNIFICANT RESPONSIBILITIES SHIFTED FROM THE
9 STATE. THE COUNTY REQUIRED TO DISCHARGE THESE NEW WEAPONS TO
10 THE BEST OF ITS ABILITY, THESE NEW PROGRAMS TO THE BEST OF ITS
11 ABILITY, INCLUDING THE BOARD'S FIDUCIARY DUTY TO USE THE
12 LIMITED TAXPAYER FUNDS IN A PRUDENT MANNER. IN THE NEXT FEW
13 WEEKS THE BOARD WILL BE PRESENTED WITH A SET OF
14 RECOMMENDATIONS TO EXPEND ONE TIME FUNDS FOR REALIGNMENT. ONE
15 TIME FUNDS PRESENT A UNIQUE OPPORTUNITY FOR PILOT PROGRAMS,
16 SERVICES THAT USE BEST PRACTICES WITH MEASURABLE OUTCOMES TO
17 HELP INFORM FUTURE DECISIONS ON ONGOING FUNDING BASED UPON
18 THEIR DEMONSTRATED SUCCESSES. WE WOULD THEREFORE MOVE THE
19 BOARD TO DIRECT THE C.E.O. AND DIRECTOR OF THE COUNTY-WIDE
20 CRIMINAL JUSTICE COORDINATING COMMITTEE WORKING WITH THE
21 DEPARTMENT SLATED FOR ONE TIME RE-ALIGNMENT FUNDS TO PROVIDE A
22 COMPREHENSIVE REPORT TO THE BOARD WITH CLEAR AND CONCISE
23 DESCRIPTION OF THE PILOT PROGRAM OR SERVICES, THE UNIT SECTION
24 WITHIN THE DEPARTMENT IN CHARGE OF THE PROGRAM, THE GOALS AND
25 THE OBJECTIVES OF THE PROGRAM, SERVICES, MEASURABLE OUTCOMES



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1 WHICH CAN BE USED TO DETERMINE SUCCESS RATES AT THE END OF THE
2 FISCAL YEAR. THE REPORT WOULD BE DUE ONE WEEK PRIOR TO THE
3 BOARD'S CONSIDERATION OF THOSE FUNDING ALLOCATIONS FOR RE-
4 ALIGNMENT." SO THAT'S THE MOTION.

5

6 **SUP. KNABE:** ANY OTHER QUESTIONS OR COMMENTS? MOTION BEFORE US.
7 I'LL SECOND IT. ANY OBJECTIONS? SO ORDERED. PARDON ME? OKAY.
8 THANK YOU ALL AGAIN FOR YOUR REPORT. RIGHT. NEXT MONTH AND THE
9 MONTH AFTER HE OUTLINED --

10

11 **SUP. MOLINA:** (OFF MIC) .

12

13 **JERRY POWERS:** YES, MA'AM.

14

15 **SUP. KNABE:** DON'T WORRY. SHE WON'T AGREE WITH YOU.

16

17 **SUP. MOLINA:** I DON'T EVEN KNOW WHAT IT MEANS. (OFF MIC) .

18

19 **SUP. KNABE:** I UNDERSTAND THE QUESTION ABOUT COMPLETION. I HAD
20 THE SAME QUESTION. THAT'S WHY I ASKED IT. BUT IT'S DIFFICULT
21 BECAUSE EVEN SOMEBODY GOES THROUGH TREATMENT THAT ISN'T PART
22 OF THIS 109, THEY'RE JUST A HUMAN BEING THAT IS AN ALCOHOLIC
23 OR SOMETHING, AGAIN, IT'S A DAY AT A TIME.

24

25 **SUP. MOLINA:** (OFF MIC) .



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1

2 **SUP. KNABE:** WHETHER THEY GO THROUGH A FULL PROGRAM, IS THAT
3 WHAT YOU MEAN?

4

5 **SUP. MOLINA:** (OFF MIC) .

6

7 **SUP. KNABE:** ALL RIGHT. HERE WE ARE, PUBLIC COMMENT. ONE
8 MINUTE. ARNOLD SACHS, ERIC PREVEN, JOHN TUCHEK. SUE CLINE,
9 MARY SUTTON AND AAZIM MUHAMMAD WILL BE THE FIRST SET OF
10 SPEAKERS. ANY OF THOSE FOLKS HERE? ALL RIGHT. ANDREA GORDON,
11 RALPH MILLER, MELLO DESIRE, TERESIJA SIGMUND, SANDRA OROZCO,
12 EDDIE CHISOLM. IF YOU'RE HERE, PLEASE COME FORWARD.

13

14 **RALPH MILLER:** GOOD AFTERNOON. YOU DID SAY ONE MINUTE, CORRECT?
15 YOU SAID ONE MINUTE? I'M RALPH MILLER, PRESIDENT OF AFCSME
16 LOCAL 685 DEPUTY PROBATION OFFICERS UNION OF L.A. COUNTY. I'LL
17 BE BRIEF BECAUSE WHAT I AM ABOUT TO SAY GO GOES TO THE HEART
18 OF THE MATTER. THESE REPORTS WE'RE GIVING EVERY MONTH, THERE'S
19 ONE THING THAT HASN'T CHANGED IN THAT REPORT AND THAT'S BASIC
20 TO EVERYTHING WE HAVE TO DO WHETHER IT BE 109 OR NOT. AND THAT
21 IS THAT THIS ADMINISTRATION HAS BEEN AROUND NOW FOR ALMOST TWO
22 YEARS, AND 50 PEOPLE HAVE BEEN HIRED. THAT'S ALMOST 1,500
23 VACANCIES. 800 OF THEM INFIELT SERVICES. THERE'S NO WAY WE CAN
24 OPERATE THIS DEPARTMENT, WE CAN DO A.B.109 OR S.B.678 WITHOUT
25 HAVING THOSE PEOPLE ON BOARD. I URGE THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS



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1 TO EXPEDITE THAT PROCESS IN THE INTEREST OF THE OPERATION OF
2 THE DEPARTMENT AND IN THE INTEREST OF PUBLIC SAFETY. THANK
3 YOU.

4

5 **SUP. KNABE:** THANK YOU, RALPH. AND I WOULD ASK MR. POWELL TO
6 REPORT BACK NEXT WEEK TO GIVE US AN UPDATE OF WHERE EVERYTHING
7 IS AT, THE ADDITIONAL NUMBERS. OKAY. NEXT? EAT YOUR
8 VEGETABLES. OKAY, NEXT?

9

10 **TERSIJA SIGMUND:** DOES IT MATTER WHAT ORDER?

11

12 **SUP. KNABE:** NO. IF YOU'RE READY TO TALK, TALK.

13

14 **TERSIJA SIGMUND:** BY THE WAY YOU HAVE A VERY BEAUTIFUL,
15 EXQUISITE TIE TODAY, MR. ANTONOVICH. BUT THAT'S NOT WHAT I'M
16 HERE TO TALK ABOUT. WITH ALL THESE DIFFERENT THINGS YOU ARE
17 ADDRESSING FROM JAIL TO PROBATION, IT STILL LACKS, I MEAN,
18 JUST LIKE THE GENTLEMAN SAID, 1,500 POSITIONS ARE UNFILLED,
19 BUT AT THE SAME TIME, THERE'S ALSO TOO MANY PEOPLE COMING TO
20 THE SYSTEM. AND YOU HAVE TO START DIFFERENTIATING WHO YOU'RE
21 PUTTING INTO THAT PRISON SYSTEM TO BEGIN WITH. IT STARTS IN
22 THE FRONT. AND THE PEOPLE IN PROBATION BACK, THEY HAVE TO DEAL
23 WITH YOUR CRAZY LEFTOVERS THAT YOU LEAVE THEM WITH. AND THAT'S
24 NOT FAIR TO THE PROBATION OFFICERS. AND FROM HAVING MY
25 EXPERIENCE FROM TALKING TO ALL THESE DIFFERENT AGENCIES, THE



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1 PROBATION OFFICERS ARE THE MOST COMPASSIONATE, THE MOST COMMON
2 SENSE, THEY'RE JUST THE BEST PEOPLE. SO WHY ARE THEY ALL IN
3 THE BACK? WHY DON'T YOU HIRE PEOPLE LIKE YOU HAVE PROBATION
4 OFFICERS ON THE FRONT END, WHICH IS THE D.C.F.S. WHICH IS
5 WHERE YOU HAVE THE WHOLE THING START, WHERE YOU TAKE ALL THESE
6 LITTLE BROWN PEOPLE, THEY END BEING YOUR PRISONERS LATER AND
7 GET THE RIGHT COMPASSION PEOPLE THERE TO STOP THE MADNESS OF
8 THIS.

9

10 **SUP. KNABE:** THANK YOU. NEXT.

11

12 **MELLO DESIRE:** HI MY NAME IS MELLO DESIRE. THE A.B. 109 DOLLARS
13 I KNOW A FEW INMATES WHO WERE RELEASED ON A.B.109 AND THEY ARE
14 CONSTANTLY BEING HARASSED BY L.A.P.D.. ONCE L.A.P.D. FINDS OUT
15 THAT THEY ARE A.B.109, THEY ARE SUBJECT TO SEARCH AT ANY TIME.
16 AND SOMETIMES DOCUMENTS FROM THEIR PROBATION OFFICERS SUCH AS
17 JIMENEZ THAT'S ON SLAUSON AND SAN PEDRO, DOCUMENT FLASHES FOR
18 THESE INMATES WHICH ALLOWS THEIR TIME TO START ALL OVER AGAIN
19 AND THAT ALLOWS THEM TO GET BACK IN JAIL. SO OVERALL THE
20 A.B.109 THAT FIRST STARTED OUT IS NOT HELPING OUT AT ALL FOR
21 THOSE WHO ARE SUPPOSELED TO BE FREE. A.B. 109 DOLLARS CANNOT
22 VOTE. BUT WHEN YOU'RE ON PROBATION, YOU CAN VOTE. SO EVEN
23 RIGHTS LIKE THAT NEEDS TO BE CHANGED. BUT, YET, WE STILL
24 SPENDING A.B. 109 DOLLARS INTO SOMETHING THAT IS NOT BEING
25 EFFECTIVE. AS I STATED BEFORE, THERE HAS TO BE A TIME WHEN WE



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1 HAVE TO PUT IN MONEY WHERE SOMETHING WORKS OUT. AND PERFORMING
2 ARTS AGAIN IS THE LAST THERAPY THAT I FEEL IS VERY IMPORTANT
3 FOR YOU TO INVEST IN.

4

5 **SUP. KNABE:** THANK YOU. YOUR TIME IS UP. NEXT?

6

7 **SANDRA OROZCO:** MY NAME IS SANDY OROZCO. I'M A LONGTIME
8 RESIDENT OF THE CITY OF MAYWOOD. I'M NEW TO THE BOARD AND
9 SPEAKING. I'M A SOUTHEAST POLITICAL ACTIVIST. AS I WAS
10 REVIEWING THIS LAST MINUTE, I ONLY HAVE A MINUTE? COME ON,
11 GLORIA. I'M PUERTO RICAN, YOU KNOW WE TALK A LOT. BUT ANYWAY,
12 I'M HERE TO ENDORSE A.B.109, OKAY, I SEE THE NUMBERS HAVE
13 IMPROVED FROM 2012 TO 2013. SO I ENDORSE THIS. I'M ALSO
14 LOOKING AT THIS AND I WILL BE LOOKING AT IT VERY CLOSELY
15 BECAUSE I'M A FORMER HEALTH INFORMATION MANAGEMENT CONSULTANT.
16 I WAS CONTRACTED OUT AT HARBOR-U.C.L.A., CENTINELA HOSPITAL
17 AND RANCHO LOS AMIGOS MEDICAL CENTER SO YOU'LL BE SEEING HERE
18 MORE OFTEN. I ENDORSE THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT. I WILL BE
19 SAYING A COUPLE MORE THINGS ABOUT THEM ON MY PUBLIC COMMENT
20 TIME. AND I DO ENDORSE THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT FOR THE CITY
21 OF MAYWOOD. THANK YOU SO MUCH.

22

23 **SUP. KNABE:** THANK YOU. ALL RIGHT. THAT'S A RECEIVE AND FILE
24 ITEM, IS THAT CORRECT? WE HAVE ALREADY TAKEN ACTION ON MR.



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1 ANTONOVICH'S MOTION, SO WE RECEIVE AND FILE. OKAY, NEXT, WE'LL
2 TAKE UP ITEM 23, I BELIEVE?

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4 **SACHI HAMAI, EXEC. OFFICER:** AND THE RELATED ORDINANCE ITEM
5 NUMBER 50. NOW SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS --

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7 **SUP. KNABE:** SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS REQUESTED FOUR WEEKS
8 CONTINUANCE. SUPERVISOR MOLINA HAS IT ON A HOLD. SO SUPERVISOR
9 MOLINA? [SILENCE.] DO PUBLIC COMMENT FIRST? TRISH CARPENTER?
10 STEVE? FLOYD HAYHURST, DAVE GILLOTTE, MICHAEL GREEN? RALPH
11 MILLER? AND STEVE COFFROFF.

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13 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKLY:** MR. CHAIRMAN, IF I CAN JUST BEFORE THEY
14 SPEAK, BILL, IS JIM ADAMS STILL HERE? HAVE HIM COME DOWN SO HE
15 CAN RESPOND I THINK ON THE RECORD TO WHAT IS SAID.

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17 **SUP. KNABE:** OKAY. WHOEVER WOULD LIKE TO BEGIN, GO AHEAD.

18

19 **TRIS CARPENTER:** SURE, I'LL START. MY NAME IS TRIS CARPENTER.
20 THANK YOU, MR. CHAIRMAN, HONORABLE SUPERVISORS. I'M A UNION
21 REPRESENTATIVE WITH AFSCME DISTRICT COUNCIL 36. WE REPRESENT
22 SEVERAL BARGAINING UNITS WITH THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES
23 INCLUDING AGRICULTURAL INSPECTORS, MECHANICS, PSYCHIATRIC
24 SOCIAL WORKERS, SUPERVISING PSYCHIATRIC SOCIAL WORKERS,
25 PHYSICIAN ASSISTANTS AND DEPUTY DISTRICT ATTORNEYS AND



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1 PROBATION SUPERVISORS. WE'D LIKE TO GO ON RECORD OPPOSING
2 AGENDA ITEMS 23 AND 50. THE NET EFFECT OF THIS ORDINANCE
3 CHANGE IS TO SUBSTANTIALLY ALTER THE COMPOSITION OF THE
4 EMPLOYEE RELATIONS COMMISSION, THE BODY WHICH ADMINISTERS
5 ARBITRATIONS AND MAKES DECISIONS REGARDING UNFAIR LABOR
6 PRACTICE CHARGES. RIGHT NOW THE THREE-MEMBER COMMISSION IS BY
7 DEFINITION OF A PANEL OF NEUTRALS, ALL THREE ARE CHOSEN
8 JOINTLY BY MANAGEMENT AND LABOR TOGETHER. THE C.E.O.'S PROPOSED
9 AMENDMENT WOULD CHANGE THAT A PANEL OF ONE NEUTRAL AND TWO
10 PARTISANS, ONE CHOSEN BY EACH SIDE. MUCH OF THE REASON AND
11 RESTRAINED APPROACH THAT HAS CONTINUED THE LABOR PEACE IN LOS
12 ANGELES COUNTY COMES FROM THE FACT THAT THIS IS A COMMISSION
13 OF PROFESSIONAL NEUTRALS, CHANGING THE COMPOSITION IS NOT
14 NECESSARY AND MAY HAVE VERY UNINTENDED RESULTS FOR BOTH SIDES.
15 IT'S ALSO BEEN REPORTED AND REPRESENTED BY CERTAIN
16 ADMINISTRATORS IN THE C.E.O.'S OFFICE THAT THESE CHANGES WERE
17 FULLY NEGOTIATED WITH THE C.C.U., THE COALITION OF COUNTY
18 UNIONS OF WHICH AFSCME IS A MEMBER. ON BEHALF OF THE AFSCME
19 BARGAINING UNITS I HAVE MADE AT LEAST TWO WRITTEN DEMANDS TO
20 BARGAIN OVER THESE ISSUES. IN RESPONSE I WAS TOLD BY MR. JIM
21 ADAMS THAT THAT WAS A QUOTE/UNQUOTE AGREEMENT. I'VE NEVER SEEN
22 AN AGREEMENT. WE HAVE NEVER BEEN PRESENTED ONE AT THE C.C.U.
23 TO VOTE ON AND NO ONE HERE THAT'S GOING TO SPEAK TODAY KNOWS
24 OF ANY AGREEMENT THAT'S EVER BEEN ACTUALLY EXECUTED. THE
25 ENTIRE PROCESS HAS BEEN SHOT THROUGH WITH DECEPTION AND



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1 DISTORTION OF THE FACTS BY THE C.E.O.'S REPRESENTATIVES AND
2 THEY BROUGHT THESE CHANGES TO YOU ON BEHALF OF THE AFSCME
3 BARGAINING UNITS WE ASK YOU TO LEAVE THE SYSTEM AS IT IS AND
4 APPOINT THREE NEUTRALS TO ADJUDICATE THESE ISSUES. THANKYOU.

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6 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** YOUR TIME IS EXPIRED. WE'LL TAKE
7 THE NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

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9 **FLOYD HAYHURST:** GOOD AFTERNOON, HONORABLE SUPERVISORS. AS YOU
10 KNOW I AM FLOYD HAYHURST, 31-YEAR VETERAN OF THE SHERIFF'S
11 DEPARTMENT, PRESIDENT OF ALADS. IT WAS RECENTLY BROUGHT TO MY
12 ATTENTION THAT MR. JIM ADAMS OF THE C.A.'S OFFICE BELIEVED
13 THAT WE HAD A DEAL REGARDING THE BROKEN ERCOM SYSTEM. AS A
14 PRINCIPAL OF ALADS, I HAVE NEVER RECEIVED ANY COMMUNICATION
15 FROM MR. ADAMS OR ANYBODY FROM THE C.A.O. REGARDING THIS SO-
16 CALLED AGREEMENT. AND RATHER THAN POINTING BLAME HERE, WE AS
17 ALADS HAVE SPOKEN WITH THE C.A.O., MR. BILL FUJIOKA, WE ARE
18 HERE TO TRY TO SAY LET'S PUSH THIS BACK. WE WILL WORK
19 DILIGENTLY WITH HIM TO TRY TO GET A DEAL WORKED OUT THAT WE
20 CAN ALL LIVE WITH. THIS IS A SYSTEM THAT NEEDS TO BE FIXED. WE
21 DON'T WANT TO KICK IT DOWN THE ROAD A LONG DISTANCE. WE JUST
22 WANT TO BE ABLE TO WORK WITH HIM FOR A SYSTEM THAT WORKS FOR
23 ALL OF US. I DON'T BELIEVE THERE'S ANY OF MY COLLEAGUES HERE
24 THAT REPRESENT ANY OF THE OTHER ORGANIZATIONS. THE PRINCIPALS,
25 THE DEAL SIGNERS. WE ALL HAVE OUR SIGNATURES ON OUR M.O.U.S.



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1 WE NEVER AUTHORIZE ANYBODY FROM THE C.A.O. OR FROM THE C.C.U.
2 TO SPEAK ON OUR BEHALF. WE ALSO BELIEVE IN OUR SALARY
3 NEGOTIATIONS. WE HAVE AN AGREEMENT REGARDING ERCOM. OBVIOUSLY
4 WE'D BE MORE THAN WILLING TO SETTLE WITH THE C.E.O. AND WORK
5 OUT A DEAL. THANK YOU.

6

7 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** ALL RIGHT. THANK YOU FOR YOUR
8 TESTIMONY. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

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10 **STEVE REMIGE:** THANK YOU, MR. CHAIRMAN. HONORABLE BOARD. I'M
11 STEVE REMIGE, CURRENTLY THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE
12 ASSOCIATION FOR LOS ANGELES DEPUTY SHERIFFS. THE ISSUE THAT
13 WE'RE DEALING WITH HERE TODAY, THE NEW PROCEDURE FOR
14 APPOINTING AND COMPENSATING THREE MEMBERS OF THE EMPLOYEE
15 RELATIONS COMMISSION, AS YOU KNOW, ERCOM COMMISSIONERS PROVIDE
16 THE VENUE FOR THE RESOLUTION OF LABOR DISPUTES. COMMISSIONERS
17 MUST BE ESTABLISHED NEUTRALS IN THE FIELD OF LABOR RELATIONS.
18 AND I SAY THAT AGAIN: NEUTRALS IN THE FIELD OF LABOR
19 RELATIONS. THIS CONCEPT IS VITAL TO HAVING LABOR PEACE IN LOS
20 ANGELES COUNTY. YOUR BOARD HAS BEEN INTENTIONALLY DECEIVED ON
21 THIS PROCESS OVER THE TALKS ABOUT ERCOM. REPRESENTATIVE FROM
22 THE C.E.O.'S OFFICE TASKED WITH OPENING A DIALOGUE ON THE
23 CHANGE AT ERCOM AND THE LONG-ESTABLISHED GRIEVANCE PROCEDURE
24 FOR LOS ANGELES COUNTY EMPLOYEES, HAS DECEIVED YOUR BOARD. MR.
25 ADAMS HAS INDICATED TO YOU THAT THE COUNTY UNIONS HAVE AGREED



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1 TO THE RECOMMENDED CHANGES IN THE ORDINANCE BEFORE YOU. HE HAS
2 REPRESENTED TO THE BOARD THE PROCESS OF NEGOTIATING WITH THE
3 UNIONS WAS CONCLUDED AND A MUTUAL AGREEMENT REACHED. THAT IS
4 FAR FROM THE TRUTH. IT'S NOT THE POSITION OF MY ORGANIZATION
5 TO ENGAGE IN BARGAINING INFORMALLY OR THROUGH ELECTRONIC
6 EMAILS. WE WANT TO WORK WITH THE COUNTY. WE KNOW WHAT THE
7 SYSTEM NEEDS TO BE FIXED AND WE FEEL WE CAN DO THAT IN SHORT
8 ORDER. THANK YOU.

9

10 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** ALL RIGHT. THANK YOU FOR YOUR
11 TESTIMONY. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

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13 **RALPH MILLER:** I'M RALPH MILLER, PRESIDENT OF AFSCME LOCAL 685.
14 AND MICHAEL GREEN FROM S.E.I.U. HAD TO LEAVE. OH HE'S HERE.
15 OKAY. NEVER MIND. HE'S HERE. OKAY. BRIEFLY, WE ARE ASKING THIS
16 BOARD TO APPOINT THREE NEUTRAL COMMISSIONERS AS QUICKLY AS
17 POSSIBLE. THE RESIGNATION OF THE THREE ERCOM COMMISSIONERS
18 CREATED A CRISIS FOR 100,000 EMPLOYEES. WE HAVE A LOT OF
19 PENDING MATTERS BEFORE THE COMMISSION THAT CAN'T BE DEALT
20 WITH. AS FAR AS NEGOTIATIONS ON THIS ERCOM, THERE'S NO
21 NEGOTIATIONS THAT I'M AWARE OF THAT HAS BEEN GOING ON. I
22 HAVEN'T SEEN ANY SIGN-IN SHEETS OR ANY MINUTES, ANY T.A.'S. SO
23 HOW CAN NEGOTIATIONS HAVE TAKEN PLACE? IN BEHALF OF AFSCME
24 LOCAL 685 AND THE COALITION OF COUNTY UNIONS, OF COURSE
25 S.E.I.U., WE URGE YOU, URGE YOU TO APPOINT THOSE THREE AND TO



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1 CONTINUE THIS MATTER UNTIL WE CAN TRULY NEGOTIATE. THANK YOU
2 FOR YOUR TIME AND FURTHER CONSIDERATION.

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4 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** WE THANK YOU FOR YOUR TESTIMONY.
5 NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

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7 **MICHAEL GREEN:** THANK YOU, HONORABLE SOUPS. MY NAME IS MICHAEL
8 GREEN, I'M REPRESENTING S.E.I.U. LOCAL 721. I JUST WANT TO SAY
9 ON BEHALF OF LOCAL S.E.I.U. LOCAL 721, WE'RE SEEKING FOR
10 COOPERATION. COOPERATION FROM EVERYBODY HERE. I THINK WE OWE
11 IT TO ALL OF THE WORKFORCE THAT'S HERE REPRESENTING US HERE AS
12 WELL AS THE OTHER UNIONS. AND STANDING ON BEHALF OF OUR
13 BROTHERS AND SISTERS WITH THE OTHER UNIONS, I THINK THIS WAS A
14 HALF-BAKED SOLUTION FOR EFFECTIVE COMMUNICATIONS. AND I THINK
15 WE DESERVE BETTER THAN THAT. I THINK THAT WE SHOULD CONTINUE
16 ON WITH THE THRUST OF A DISCUSSION. AND ON TOP OF THAT, WE'VE
17 NEVER SIGNED ANYTHING AS FAR AS FAR AS 721. I'VE NEVER SEEN A
18 SIGNATURE PAGE THAT WE'VE SIGNED TO AGREEMENT WITH THIS
19 PARTICULAR ISSUE. FURTHERMORE I THINK WHEN IT COMES TO
20 NEUTRALITY AND IMPARTIALITY, WE SHOULD HAVE THAT, NO MATTER,
21 NOT FROM YOUR SIDE OF THE INTEREST, NOT FROM OUR SIDE OF THE
22 INTEREST, BUT THAT FORTHRIGHT DECISIONS BE MADE ON THE MERIT
23 OF THE CASE AT HAND AND THE ISSUE AT HAND. SO ON BEHALF OF
24 721, WE'RE ASKING FOR YOUR COOPERATION SO THAT WE CAN HAVE



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1 THESE FOUR WEEKS FOR EVERYBODY TO SIT DOWN AT THE TABLE AND TO
2 COME UP WITH A SOLUTION. THANK YOU.

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4 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** ALL RIGHT. THANK YOU VERY MUCH
5 FOR YOUR TESTIMONY. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

6

7 **DAVE GILLOTTE:** I KNOW NO AMOUNT OF MONEY IS GOING TO BE BET
8 THAT I CAN DO THIS IN ONE MINUTE. MY NAME IS DAVE GILLOTTE,
9 PRESIDENT OF THE L.A. COUNTY FIREFIGHTERS LOCAL 1014 AND I'LL
10 BE BRIEF. I REPRESENT THE BARGAINING UNITS 601, 602 YOUR
11 FIREFIGHTERS, PARAMEDICS AND FIRE PERSONNEL. AND ALSO 603 AND
12 604, OUR CIVILIAN FIRE PERSONNEL. CUTTING TO THE CHASE, I'M
13 GOING TO TALK ABOUT MOVING TO SOLUTIONS. WE ARE AN ALLIANCE OF
14 THE C.C.U. UNIONS INDIVIDUALLY HERE SPEAKING. THE L.A.FED AND
15 S.E.I.U. 721. SOMETHING'S GOT TO RING TRUE SOMETHING DIDN'T GO
16 RIGHT HERE WITH ALL OF YOU AND THE C.E.O.'S OFFICE. I THINK
17 THAT IN FACT NO VERIFIED DISCUSSIONS MUCH LESS COLLABORATIONS
18 TO CONCLUSION WITH BOTH LABOR AND MANAGEMENT HAVE TAKEN PLACE
19 TO FINALITY. IT'S THAT SIMPLE. CHARACTERISTICS OF STALLING AND
20 GOOD FAITH DISCUSSIONS AND AUTHORIZED BARGAINING SESSIONS ARE
21 FALSE AND MISPLACED. LET'S GET PAST THAT. REFER IT BACK TO THE
22 C.E.O. TAKE AWAY THE BLAME GAME AND PUT US TO WORK ON SOLVING
23 THE ERCOM PROBLEM TOGETHER.

24

25 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH.



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2 **SUP. KNABE:** LET THE RECORD REFLECT GILLOTTE WAS WITHIN THE ONE
3 MINUTE.

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5 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** HE RUINED HIS REPUTATION, DON.

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7 **DAVE GILLOTTE:** I WAS GOING TO SAY WHO TOOK THAT BET?

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9 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** YEAH.

10

11 **SUP. KNABE:** WE ALL SHOULD HAVE TAKEN THE BET.

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13 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** SIR?

14

15 **STEVE COFFROTH:** THANK YOU, SUPERVISORS. MY NAME IS STEVE
16 COFFROTH, I'M THE NEWLY APPOINTED FIELD DIRECTOR FOR AFSCME
17 COUNCIL 36. AS MANY OF YOU KNOW IN 1997 THE STATE LEGISLATURE
18 GRANTED THE PUBLIC EMPLOYEE RELATIONS BOARD JURISDICTION OVER
19 ENFORCING THE MYERS-MILIAS BROWN ACT. ESSENTIALLY TO TRY AND
20 CREATE LABOR PEACE BY ENFORCING RULES THAT LABOR AND
21 MANAGEMENT COULD BOTH LIVE BY. AT THE TIME THE COUNTY ASKED
22 FOR EXEMPTION FROM THAT JURISDICTION IN ORDER TO MAKE SURE
23 THAT ITS BODY, ERCOM, ACTUALLY RETAINED THAT JURISDICTION. AT
24 THE TIME THE UNIONS WERE IN AGREEMENT WITH THAT BECAUSE ERCOM
25 TRULY WAS A NEUTRAL BODY. IT WAS DECIDING MATTERS THAT WERE IN



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1 EQUAL CONSIDERATION OF BOTH MANAGEMENT AND THE UNION. WHAT YOU
2 HAVE BEFORE YOU TODAY IS A PROPOSAL BY MANAGEMENT TO CHANGE
3 THE SYSTEM. THE UNION IS NOT IN AGREEMENT WITH. THE UNIONS CAN
4 ONLY SEE THAT AS AN ATTEMPT TO TIP THE BALANCE OF POWER
5 TOWARDS MANAGEMENT SIDE. AND OF COURSE THAT IS NOT GOING TO
6 CREATE ANY KIND OF LABOR PEACE. WE ENCOURAGE YOU TO WORK WITH
7 THE UNIONS IN ORDER TO PROVIDE FOR A FAIR SYSTEM. AND WE HOPE
8 THAT WE CAN REACH A RESOLUTION ON THAT SOON. THANK YOU.

9

10 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** ALL RIGHT. WE THANK YOU FOR YOUR
11 TESTIMONY. MEMBERS OF THE BOARD, THE MATTER IS BEFORE US.

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13 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** BEFORE YOU.

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15 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY?

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17 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** BEFORE YOU HAD ARRIVED, I ASKED JIM ADAMS TO
18 BE HERE SO HE COULD RESPOND TO WHAT WAS SAID. SO I'D LIKE TO
19 HAVE JIM RESPOND.

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21 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** ALL RIGHT. MR. ADAMS, PER MR.
22 YAROSLAVSKY'S REQUEST.

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24 **JIM ADAMS:** THANK YOU, SUPERVISORS. FIRST OF ALL, IT'S
25 IMPORTANT TO UNDERSTAND THAT THIS WAS NEVER RELAYED TO THE



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1 BOARD OR TO ANY OF THE PEOPLE WHO JUST SPOKE THAT WE HAD
2 COMPLETED OR EVEN ENGAGED IN ANY NEGOTIATION. THIS WAS NOT A
3 SET OF NEGOTIATIONS. THERE WAS NO AGREEMENT REACHED. THEY'RE
4 ABSOLUTELY RIGHT. WHAT WE DID DO WAS SPEND ONE YEAR IN A VERY
5 EXHAUSTIVE CONSULTATION PROCESS WITH LABOR WHERE WE PARADED A
6 VARIETY OF PROPOSALS THROUGH TO TRY TO FIX ERCOM, ALL STEMMING
7 FROM A BILL THEY INTRODUCED CALLED 1659 THAT WITHOUT ANY
8 TALKING TO US, BY THE WAY. THEY DIDN'T RUN 1659 BY ANY OF YOU
9 OR BY ANY OF US, YET WE WERE STUCK WITH IT. WE PULLED THAT
10 BILL BACK AS A RESULT OF THIS BOARD SAYING WE'RE NOT GOING TO
11 IMPLEMENT ANY OF IT AND WE'LL GO TO PER. THAT SET THIS WHOLE
12 CONSULTATION PROCESS IN MOTION. THERE WERE MANY MEETINGS. BY
13 THE WAY, MOST OF THESE FOLKS DIDN'T ATTEND ANY OF THOSE
14 MEETINGS. BUT THE PEOPLE WHO WERE THERE KNOW EVERYTHING THAT
15 WAS SAID. WE TALKED ABOUT THIS THING. WE TALKED ABOUT THE
16 WEAKNESSES OF ERCOM. WE TALKED ABOUT THE INDEPENDENCE OF
17 ERCOM. AND IN APRIL 4TH OF 2012, I PUT FORTH AN OUTLINE FOR
18 THE RECONSTRUCTION, IF YOU WILL, OR RECONSTITUTION OF THE
19 EMPLOYEE RELATIONS COMMITTEE THAT HAS MORE DYNAMICS TO IT. AND
20 WE NEVER ONCE TOLD ANYBODY THAT WE HAD NEGOTIATED A
21 SETTLEMENT. YOU FOLKS, THE SUPERVISORS KNOW THAT. ON MAY 30TH,
22 WE DID REACH A CONSENSUS AGREEMENT WITH THE UNIONS THAT
23 ATTENDED THAT LAST MEETING. AND THAT CONSENSUS WAS IS THAT
24 ERCOM SHOULD BE RECONFIGURED, THAT THEY SHOULD BE PAID, AND
25 THAT ARBITRATION SHOULD BE AN ISSUE TO BE BARGAINED OVER. WE



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1 SINCE CHANGED THE LAST PIECE BECAUSE THE UNIONS DIDN'T WANT TO
2 BARGAIN AND LEFT ERCOM IN CHARGE OF THE ARBITRATION PROCESS.
3 SO NO NEGOTIATIONS OF THE M.O.U.S HAS TO TAKE PLACE WITH
4 REGARD TO ERCOM.

5

6 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** NOW, MR. ADAMS, FOR PURPOSES OF
7 CLARIFICATION, YOU SAID THAT YOU DID REPRESENT THAT CONSENSUS
8 HAD BEEN REACHED. HOW DOES THAT DIFFER FROM YOUR PREVIOUS
9 STATEMENT THAT THERE WAS NO REPRESENTATION THAT AN AGREEMENT
10 HAD BEEN STRUCK? I'M A LITTLE CONFUSED BY THAT BECAUSE I CAN
11 ASSURE YOU THAT IT WAS REPRESENTED TO ME THAT EVERYBODY WAS
12 OKAY; THAT IS, LABOR WAS FINE WITH WHAT WAS BEING BROUGHT
13 FORWARD. NOW, THIS GOES BACK SEVERAL WEEKS NOW. AND THEN THE
14 LETTERS BEGAN TO COME IN OR QUESTIONS BEGAN TO BE RAISED ABOUT
15 WHAT AGREEMENT, ET CETERA, ET CETERA. SO THERE'S A LITTLE
16 CONFUSION ON MY PART. YOU SAY THERE WAS NO AGREEMENT
17 PRESENTED. AND THEN YOU SAID THERE WAS CONSENSUS PRESENTED. SO
18 IS THERE A DISTINCTION THAT YOU'RE MAKING?

19

20 **JIM ADAMS:** THERE IS A VERY LARGE DISTINCTION BETWEEN THE
21 CONSULT PROCESS AND THE NEGOTIATION PROCESS. IN THE CONTEXT OF
22 NEGOTIATIONS, AN AGREEMENT MEANS SOMETHING. IT MEANS THAT IT'S
23 REDUCED TO WRITING. THIS IS IN THE ORDINANCE. THAT IT'S
24 REDUCED TO WRITING. THAT THERE'S T.A.'S, THERE'S EXCHANGE AND
25 BARGAINING GOING ON. NONE OF THAT TOOK PLACE IN THIS INSTANCE.



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2 **C.E.O. FUJIOKA:** NOR WAS IT REQUIRED. THAT'S AN IMPORTANT
3 DISTINCTION.

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5 **JIM ADAMS:** NOR WAS IT REQUIRED. THIS IS A MEET AND CONSULT
6 PROCESS WHERE WE EXCHANGE INFORMATION. WE WERE GOING TO MAKE
7 THE CHANGES. WE GOT BUY-IN ON THOSE CHANGES. WE DID HAVE
8 CONSENSUS ABOUT THOSE CHANGES. AND THE LACK OF ANY OBJECTION,
9 BY THE WAY, UNTIL THE ISSUE GOT AGENDIZED, THE ORGANIZATIONS
10 IN C.C.U. AND S.E.I.U HAD FULL KNOWLEDGE OF THE ORDINANCE AND
11 THE CHANGES. MONTHS GO BY AND NO OBJECTION. AND THEN IT'S LIKE
12 RIP VAN WINKLE WAKING FROM A NAP. THEY SUDDENLY REALIZE THIS
13 ORDINANCE HAS SOME MEANING. AND THEN THEY ANNOUNCE THAT
14 SOMEHOW WE HAD BARGAINED IN BAD FAITH THAT THEY HAD NEVER
15 AGREED IN THE BARGAINING PROCESS. THERE WAS NO BARGAINING
16 PROCESS.

17

18 **SUP. KNABE:** SO WHY WAS IT ON THE AGENDA?

19

20 **JIM ADAMS:** THE ORDINANCE HAS TO BE PASSED BY THE BOARD.

21

22 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** WELL, THAT'S A POINT AT WHICH IT
23 GETS A LITTLE SLIPPERY, MR. ADAMS. EITHER AN AGREEMENT WAS
24 REACHED OR NOT IN THE CONTEXT OF A FORMAL NEGOTIATION PROCESS.
25 BUT GOOD FAITH IS GOOD FAITH ON BOTH SIDES OF THE EQUATION, IT



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1 WOULD SEEM TO ME. AND TO THE EXTENT THAT -- AND I'LL RECOGNIZE
2 YOU IN A MOMENT, MR. FUJIOKA.

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4 **C.E.O. FUJIOKA:** THANK YOU.

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6 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** BUT TO THE EXTENT THAT IT WAS
7 INDICATED -- I CAN ONLY SPEAK FOR ONE OFFICE, THAT'S MY OWN --
8 THAT THINGS WERE ESSENTIALLY AGREED UPON. I WILL NOT MAKE THE
9 REPRESENTATION THAT IT WAS IN THE CONTEXT OF A FORMAL
10 NEGOTIATION PROCESS BECAUSE I WASN'T COGNIZANT OF THE FACT
11 THAT THERE WOULD HAVE BEEN SUCH A DISTINCTION TO BE MADE. AS
12 FAR AS I'M CONCERNED EITHER ALL PARTIES OR THE MAJORITY OF
13 PARTIES, WHATEVER'S NECESSARY, AGREED, OR THEY DID NOT, TO
14 MOVE FORWARD ON THE ASSUMPTION THAT THERE WAS AGREEMENT, ONLY
15 TO HAVE THE PRINCIPALS INVOLVED THAT THERE WAS NO SUCH
16 AGREEMENT AND TO EVOLVE TO THIS VERY POINT, THE HEADS OF EACH
17 OF THESE RESPECTIVE UNIONS SAYING, YOU KNOW, THIS IS NOT
18 SOMETHING THAT WE DID AGREE TO OR SOMETHING TO WHICH WE WOULD
19 EVER AGREE TO SEEMS TO ME TO SAY THAT WE HAVE A DISCONNECT OF
20 CONSEQUENCE HERE. THUS, MY RECOMMENDATION THAT WE CONTINUE THE
21 MATTER. GO BACK WITH THE SPECIFIC PERSONS WHO WERE HERE SAYING
22 THAT THEY DIDN'T KNOW ABOUT IT. THEY WILL NOT BE ABLE TO SAY
23 THAT FROM THIS POINT FORWARD. THERE IS NO ATTEMPT TO ALTER THE
24 MATERIAL SUBSTANCE OF WHAT'S BEING RECOMMENDED. IT SEEMS TO ME
25 THAT NO ONE OUGHT TO BE IN A POSITION OF BEING ABLE TO PLEAD



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1 IGNORANCE AT THIS POINT. AND FOR THE GOOD OF THE ORDER, IT
2 WOULD SEEM TO ME, WITHOUT PREJUDICING THE PROCESS, A
3 CONTINUANCE WOULD BE ADVISABLE. MR. FUJIOKA?

4

5 **C.E.O. FUJIOKA:** IF I MAY, WHEN JIM USED THE TERM "AGREEMENT",
6 NORMALLY WHEN JIM USED THE TERM "AGREEMENT" HE WAS TALKING IN
7 THE CONTEXT OF FORMAL NEGOTIATIONS. THIS WAS A MEET AND
8 CONSULT ITEM. NOT A MEET AND CONFER ITEM. THIS IS NOT AN ITEM
9 THAT WAS SUBJECT TO BARGAINING. WHAT HE DID IN THE CONTEXT OF
10 CONSULTATION IS HE MET WITH THE LABOR GROUPS THROUGH A SERIES
11 OF MEETINGS HAD A SERIES OF DISCUSSIONS ON POSSIBLE REVISIONS.
12 THE AGREEMENT -- I KNOW WE'RE STUCK ON THIS WORD AGREEMENT.
13 THAT'S IN THE CONTEXT AGAIN OF FORMAL NEGOTIATIONS. THE
14 CONSENSUS THROUGH MULTIPLE MEETINGS THAT A NUMBER OF PEOPLE
15 ATTENDED, CONSENSUS WAS REACHED ON CHANGING THE ORDINANCE. WE
16 GAVE LABOR A DRAFT OF THOSE CHANGES BACK IN APRIL. THE FINAL
17 DRAFT WAS GIVEN TO THEM BACK IN MAY. REPRESENTATIONS HAVE BEEN
18 MADE THAT NOTHING WAS GIVEN TO THEM. AND YET WE HAVE
19 DOCUMENTED PROOF THAT, IN FACT, THOSE DRAFTS WERE GIVEN. NOW,
20 MY HISTORY IS ONE OF WORKING IN A VERY COLLABORATIVE MANNER
21 WITH LABOR. BUT IF THERE'S DISAGREEMENT, THEY SHOULD SAY
22 THERE'S DISAGREEMENT. TO REPRESENT THAT STAFF, IN THIS
23 INSTANCE IT'S MY OFFICE, I AM MY OFFICE, AND IT'S MR. ADAMS
24 HERE IS LYING, IS REPREHENSIBLE IN MY OPINION. THERE WAS GOOD
25 FAITH MEETINGS. WE TALKED ABOUT IT. WE PRESENTED THE



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1 INFORMATION. IF THERE'S DISAGREEMENT, THERE'S DISAGREEMENT.
2 BUT DON'T SAY THAT DOCUMENTS WERE NOT PROVIDED AND NOT SHARED
3 OR NOT SAY -- YOU CAN'T SAY THERE'S NO CONSENSUS. THERE ARE
4 MEMBERS OF THE COALITION WHO ATTENDED THE MEETING, AT LEAST
5 ONES HERE. BUT THERE ARE SOME WHO ARE NOT HERE BECAUSE THEY
6 KNOW THAT WE REACHED CONSENSUS ON THIS ISSUE.

7

8 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** ON THAT SPECIFIC POINT, IT SEEMS
9 TO ME THAT IT'S PRETTY CLEAR THAT THERE IS A LACK OF CONSENSUS
10 ON THE PART OF THOSE WHO ARE COMING FORTH. AND SO TO WHAT
11 EXTENT DO THEY REPRESENT THE MAJORITY? OR ARE THEY A FRACTION?
12 HOW DO YOU QUANTIFY THE IMPORT OF THEIR TESTIMONY, MR.
13 FUJIOKA? WOULD BE ONE QUESTION. SECOND QUESTION WOULD BE YOU
14 GIVE VOICE TO YOUR HISTORY IN TERMS OF SEEKING TO WORK
15 COLLABORATIVELY. I'D LIKE FOR YOU TO INDICATE WHAT DAMAGE, IF
16 ANYTHING, WOULD BE DONE BY A FOUR-WEEK CONTINUANCE IN AN
17 ATTEMPT TO CAUSE EVERYBODY EVERYBODY TO BE ON THE SAME PAGE,
18 AT LEAST AT THE POINT OF UNDERSTANDING WHAT THE ISSUES ARE AND
19 SO THAT THE BOARD CAN FULL WELL KNOW THAT WHAT HAS BEEN
20 REPRESENTED WHAT WAS REPRESENTED. I THINK WE'RE AT THE POINT
21 OF GETTING MUCH CLEARER NOW WHERE THERE IS NO HIDING PLACE FOR
22 ANYONE. EVERYBODY HAS TO COME FULL SQUARE TO THE FOREFRONT ON
23 THIS. SO TWO QUESTIONS THAT I'D LIKE FOR YOU TO ANSWER.

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1 **C.E.O. FUJIOKA:** LET ME TAKE THE LATTER ONE FIRST. COOPERATION,
2 COLLABORATION. WE'VE BEEN ON THIS SUBJECT FOR OVER A YEAR.
3 WE'VE HAD A TON OF MEETINGS TRYING TO REACH WHAT WE THOUGHT
4 WOULD BE AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN ALL PARTIES THAT MET THE NEEDS
5 OF ALL PARTIES. AT ONE POINT WHEN THE LEGISLATION WAS FIRST
6 INTRODUCED WITHOUT PROVIDING ANY INFORMATION TO MANAGEMENT,
7 PARTICULARLY OUR BOARD, OUR GOVERNING BODY, I THOUGHT THAT WAS
8 WRONG. THAT IS NOT THE SPIRIT OF COLLABORATION/COOPERATION.
9 AND WHAT WE DID IS WE LOOKED AT THAT. ONE ALTERNATIVE WAS TO
10 TAKE IT TO THE STATE UNDER PERB. I DON'T THINK THAT IS A GOOD
11 SOLUTION ALTHOUGH IT IS A VIABLE SOLUTION, IT IS A POSSIBLE
12 SOLUTION. SO INSTEAD WE SAT AT THE TABLE AND TRIED TO REACH
13 AGREEMENT. A NUMBER OF PEOPLE WERE THERE. A LOT OF IDEAS WERE
14 EXCHANGED. AND PART OF IT IS WHAT BOTHERS ME IS MY FRUSTRATION
15 IS THAT THERE WAS SOME GOOD FAITH DISCUSSIONS. NOT BARGAINING.
16 SO NOT BARGAINING AT THIS POINT IN TIME. IT'S A MEET AND
17 CONSULT PROCESS. GOOD FAITH DISCUSSIONS. INFORMATION WAS
18 SHARED. AND I'M JUST TELLING YOU, WHEN SOMEONE SAYS YOU NEVER
19 EVEN GAVE US INFORMATION, AND SOME ARE EVEN SAYING WE NEVER
20 EVEN MET, AND YET I FIND THAT INCREDIBLE BECAUSE THERE WAS A
21 LOT OF MEETINGS.

22

23 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** SO THE QUESTION I POSE IS: IS
24 THERE ANY HARM IN A FOUR-WEEK CONTINUANCE? IS THERE AN UPSIDE
25 TO BE ACHIEVED IN THE INTEREST OF YOUR STATED POSTURE AND



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1 HISTORY OF COLLABORATIVE RELATIONS WITH UNIONS? OR WOULD YOU
2 THINK THAT INADVISABLE?

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4 **C.E.O. FUJIOKA:** WELL, PERSONALLY I THINK THIS DELAY TACTIC IS
5 NOT BY ACCIDENT. I THINK THERE IS DESIGN BEHIND IT. I'M
6 HEARING RUMORS OF LEGISLATION THAT'S BEING DEVELOPED THAT MAY
7 BE PRESENTED IN SACRAMENTO THAT COULD CHANGE OR ATTEMPT TO
8 CHANGE THE ERCOM PROCESS. I DO THINK THIS IS A STALL TACTIC.
9 AT ONE POINT IN NEGOTIATIONS, YOU SIT DOWN AT THE TABLE. THIS
10 IS NOT NEGOTIATIONS. IN LABOR RELATIONS, EVEN IN
11 CONSULTATIONS, YOU SIT AT THE TABLE AND YOU GO AS FAR AS YOU
12 CAN IN A GOOD FAITH EFFORT AND YOU GET TO A CERTAIN POINT WHERE
13 YOU'VE -- YOU JUST CONCLUDE THAT YOU'RE NOT GOING TO REACH
14 CONSENSUS. WHEREAS IN THIS INSTANCE WE DID REACH CONSENSUS. WE
15 GET TO A POINT WHERE WE TALKED AS LONG AS WE CAN TALK. IT'S
16 TIME TO MAKE A DECISION. I BELIEVE WE ARE AT A POINT WHERE WE
17 MAKE A DECISION.

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19 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** SO YOU WOULD NOT BE SUPPORTIVE
20 OF THE CONTINUANCE AT THIS POINT?

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22 **C.E.O. FUJIOKA:** I BELIEVE TODAY WE NEED TO MAKE A DECISION.

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1 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** ALL RIGHT. OTHER PERSONS WHO
2 WISH TO BE HEARD AT THIS POINT? SUPERVISOR MOLINA OR
3 SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY.

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5 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** I'LL FOLLOW HER.

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7 **SUP. MOLINA:** I'VE BEEN INVOLVED IN THIS ISSUE NOW FOR WELL
8 OVER TWO YEARS, SOME OF THE BEGINNINGS OF SOME OF THE PROBLEMS
9 THAT HAVE OCCURRED. CERTAINLY I WAS CAUGHT OFF GUARD BY THE
10 LEGISLATION WHEN THAT OCCURRED AND WHAT WAS GOING ON. AND WE
11 HAVE BEEN LOOKING INTO IT EVER SINCE. AND, YOU KNOW,
12 COLLECTIVE BARGAINING IN ANY PROCESS OF CONSULTATION IS ABOUT
13 HAVING INTEGRITY IN A PROCESS. AND I THINK THAT'S WHAT THIS IS
14 ABOUT. WE ARE NOT REQUIRED TO NEGOTIATE ON THIS. THERE ARE NO
15 NEGOTIATIONS INVOLVED. IT DOES INVOLVE MEET AND CONFER. AND WE
16 HONORED THAT PROCESS. WE DON'T SELECT THEIR PEOPLE WHO COME TO
17 MEETINGS. THEY MAKE THEIR OWN DETERMINATION WHO COMES TO A
18 MEETING. IT WAS A COALITION OF LABOR UNIONS THAT WAS
19 SUGGESTED. YOU GET THE EMAILS. YOU FOLLOW THE TRACKING, THE
20 MEETINGS, THE NOTICES BACK AND FORTH INFORMATION. YOU HAVE
21 EMAILS THAT SAY "HERE LOOK AT IT, SEND IT BACK TO US." IT'S
22 INTEGRITY OF A PROCESS. WE AT THE END OF THE DAY HAVE
23 REPRESENTED AND WHY WE HAVE BEEN SUCCESSFUL AS, QUOTE,
24 MANAGEMENT, IS BECAUSE WE TAKE PRIDE IN THAT PROCESS. WE TRY
25 TO BE STRAIGHTFORWARD WITH OUR LABOR LEADERS AND OUR UNIONS ON



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1 EVERY SINGLE ISSUE. WE DON'T NEGOTIATE OUTSIDE OF THE
2 NEGOTIATING TABLE. WHEN WE CONSULT, WE ASK QUESTIONS. YOU WERE
3 IN THE CLOSED ROOM SESSION WHEN WE ASKED MANY A QUESTION ON
4 HOW THE CONSULTATIONS WERE GOING, WHERE THEY WERE AT. NOT THE
5 FIRST LETTER THAT WE JUST GOT THIS LAST WEEK. WE GOT LETTERS
6 BEFORE AND WE ASKED QUESTIONS. AND THEY SAID, AND JIM SAID
7 GIVE ME ONE MORE CHANCE TO GO BACK AND CLARIFY THIS. AND IT'S
8 BEEN INTENT HERE THAT I BELIEVE IS DISINGENUOUS. AND IT'S
9 REALLY UNFORTUNATE THAT IT'S GETTING TO THIS LEVEL. I DON'T
10 LIKE BEING PLACED IN THIS POSITION. I KNOW WHERE I'VE BEEN
11 GOING FOR A LONG TIME ON THIS ISSUE. IT IS CLEAR MANAGEMENT
12 HAS A RESPONSIBILITY. AND YOU CAN LOOK AT THE DISRUPTIVE
13 ASPECT OF WHERE ERCOM HAS BEEN IN THE LAST YEAR AND THE KINDS
14 OF ACTIONS THAT ARE GOING ON HERE. IT JUST SEEMS
15 INAPPROPRIATE. I MEAN, EVERYTHING. NOW WITH EMAILS YOU COULD
16 TRACE IT. AND ANYBODY WHO CLAIMS THEY WEREN'T AWARE THAT THIS
17 WASN'T DISCUSSED, I DON'T KNOW WHO ATTENDS. YOU MAKE A
18 DETERMINATION AS TO TO WHO ATTENDS THOSE MEETINGS. IF YOU
19 DON'T HAVE THE TIME TO ATTEND, BUT THE ABILITY TO HAVE A
20 PERSON TELL YOU. NOW IF THEY ARE LYING TO YOU, YOU'VE GOT TO
21 DEAL WITH THAT AT SOME LEVEL. BUT ON OUR PART, WE ASK
22 QUESTIONS CONTINUOUSLY, CONTINUOUSLY. WE ASK FOR DOCUMENTATION
23 CONTINUOUSLY. WE ASK WHAT THE ISSUES WERE. WE TOOK POSITIONS.
24 MR. ADAMS DID NOT GO IN THERE MAKING A DETERMINATION BY
25 HIMSELF. HE WAS SENT BY THIS BOARD WITH A SET OF INSTRUCTIONS



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1 AND A TOLERANCE LEVEL FOR THOSE. SO HE DIDN'T DO IT BLINDLY.
2 AND IT'S NOT NEWS TO US WHAT WAS GOING ON. WE HAVE BEEN
3 INFORMED. THERE IS AT LEAST BEEN SIX THAT I KNOW OF CLOSED
4 SESSION ITEMS WHERE THIS WAS DISCUSSED LAST YEAR ALONE. SO
5 INTEGRITY IS ESSENTIAL IN ANY PROCESS OF DISCUSSION,
6 COLLABORATION, NEGOTIATIONS OR OTHERWISE. IF WE CANNOT RESPECT
7 IT HERE, IT WILL NOT BE RESPECTED AT ALL AND IT WILL BRING
8 DOWN THE ABILITY THAT THIS COUNTY HAS BEEN ABLE TO STAND FIRM
9 ON: HAVING A SOLID LABOR RELATIONS KIND OF INTEGRITY IN OUR
10 SYSTEM. WE CAN'T DO EVERYTHING YOU WANT US TO DO; WE NEVER
11 WILL. AND YOU CAN'T EXPECT US TO DO IT. YOU'RE GOING TO PUSH
12 TO THE END BECAUSE THAT'S YOUR JOB. YOU'RE ADVOCATES. THAT'S
13 YOUR RESPONSIBILITY. OUR JOB IS TO GET A BALANCE AND DO A
14 BALANCE THAT IS SOMETHING IN THIS INSTANCE, THIS IS THE
15 BALANCE HERE. WE MET OUR OBLIGATION: TO MEET AND TO CONSULT.
16 WE MET OUR OBLIGATION IN PROVIDING INFORMATION OF THE CONCERNS
17 WE HAVE. OUR END OF THE INTEGRITY OF THIS PROCESS IS COMPLETE
18 AND THOROUGH. AND WE HAVE THE DOCUMENTATION THAT SAYS SO,
19 SIRS. EVERY SINGLE ONE OF THEM. SO I THINK IT IS READY FOR US
20 TO MOVE FORWARD.

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22 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** ALL RIGHT. SUPERVISOR
23 YAROSLAVSKY. THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR MOLINA.

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1 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** YEAH, I HAVE FOLLOWED THIS WITH SOME
2 INTEREST SINCE THE LEGISLATION WAS PROPOSED. AND THE
3 LEGISLATION, I THINK WE TOOK THAT LEGISLATION AS A BROADSIDE
4 AGAINST NEUTRALITY. IF MY MEMORY SERVES ME CORRECTLY, THAT WAS
5 OUR CONCERN ABOUT IT. THERE WAS NOT A LOT OF CONCERN ABOUT
6 NEUTRALITY AT THAT TIME. BUT THE PRIMARY COMMENT THAT I'VE
7 HEARD HERE, AND I WON'T REPEAT EVERYTHING THAT HAS BEEN SAID,
8 AND GLORIA RECOUNTED IT AND JIM RECOUNTED IT AND BILL
9 RECOUNTED IT, AND THAT'S THE WAY I RECALL IT; BUT I WAS JUST
10 ASKING JIM, I DON'T UNDERSTAND IF THE ISSUE IS WHETHER WE --
11 HOW THE ERCOM COMMISSIONERS ARE APPOINTED, CURRENTLY THEY'RE
12 APPOINTED THREE NEUTRALS, SO-CALLED NEUTRALS WHO ARE AGREED
13 UPON BY LABOR AND BY US, CORRECT?

14

15 **JIM ADAMS:** YES AND THE WORD "NEUTRAL" DOESN'T EXIST IN THE
16 ORDINANCE AT THIS POINT.

17

18 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** JUST FOR ILLUSTRATIVE PURPOSES. I DON'T
19 THINK THE WORD "NEUTRAL" EXISTS GENERALLY, EVEN IN
20 SWITZERLAND. SO WE HAVE TO AGREE ON A GROUP OF THREE. NOW, THE
21 PROPOSAL IS THAT LABOR GETS TO PICK ONE, WE GET TO PICK ONE,
22 AND THEN LABOR AND US TOGETHER WILL PICK THE THIRD ONE, THE
23 SO-CALLED NEUTRAL OR WHATEVER IT'S CALLED. I THINK IT'S A
24 DISTINCTION WITHOUT A DIFFERENCE. I JUST DON'T UNDERSTAND WHY
25 IT'S GOTTEN TO THIS -- THERE'S SOMETHING ELSE GOING ON BECAUSE



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1 I CAN'T IMAGINE THAT THAT ONE DISTINCTION WOULD BRING ALL OF
2 THESE GOOD MEN TO THE FRONT TABLE HERE. AND TO ME IT'S A
3 LITTLE LATE IN THE GAME. THIS THING'S BEEN GOING ON A LONG
4 TIME. AND I GET THE SENSE -- I'M NOT IN THE IN CROWD WHEN IT
5 COMES TO THESE THINGS, BUT I GET THE SENSE THAT SOMEBODY'S
6 PLAYING FOR TIME. I DON'T KNOW WHY. WHETHER IT'S LEGISLATION
7 OR WHETHER IT'S SOME OTHER REASON, YOU'RE PLAYING FOR TIME.
8 IT'S TIME TO GET THIS DAM THING OVER WITH. WE ALL KNOW WHERE
9 WE ALL STAND. AND, FRANKLY, WE SHOULD HAVE TAKEN CARE OF THIS
10 A LONG TIME AGO. BUT IT'S BEEN PING PONGED FROM AGENDA TO
11 AGENDA. YOU KNOW, IT'S NOW SEPTEMBER 17TH. I MIGHT ADD IT'S
12 4:41 P.M. I THINK IT'S TIME TO VOTE ON IT. AND I'M PREPARED TO
13 DO IT TODAY.

14

15 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** ALL RIGHT. THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR
16 YAROSLAVSKY. WITH RESPECT TO ANY SPECULATION ABOUT A
17 LEGISLATIVE MANEUVER, THAT ISN'T EASILY ACCOMPLISHED UNTIL
18 JANUARY AT THE EARLIEST AT THIS POINT AS THE LEGISLATURE HAS
19 RECESSED FOR THE TIME BEING. SO THAT'S A THOUGHTLESS
20 PROPOSITION AS SUCH. THE CONTINUANCE THAT'S BEING SUGGESTED
21 HERE IS FOUR WEEKS AT THE MOST. THERE MAY BE A MOTION TO MAKE
22 IT LESS. AND IT SEEMS TO ME THAT TRYING TO FIGURE OUT WHAT THE
23 END GAME IS AND ANY WAY THAT WOULD SUGGEST THAT THERE'S
24 SOMETHING MORE THAN IS AT THE TABLE. I THINK THERE'S BEEN
25 CONSENSUS. LET THE RECORD REFLECT THERE'S BEEN CONSENSUS ON



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1 THE PART OF THE BOARD AS TO STRAIGHTENING OUT SOME OF THE
2 PROBLEMS WITH ERCOM. LET'S BE REAL DIRECT ABOUT IT. THE EFFORT
3 THAT WAS ATTEMPTED LEGISLATIVELY BLEW UP. AND THE ADVOCATES
4 FOR THAT HAD TO RE-POSITION THEMSELVES. THAT'S MY
5 RECOLLECTION. AND AT THAT POINT THERE WAS A DIFFERENT
6 DISPOSITION OF POSTURE THAT WAS ASSUMED AS IT RELATES TO
7 TRYING TO GET THIS.

8

9 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** AND YOU KNEW WHY IT BLEW UP? IT BLEW UP
10 BECAUSE WE THREATENED TO TAKE IT TO PERB. WE COULD STILL DO
11 THAT.

12

13 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** THAT'S ONE OF THE REASONS, MR.
14 YAROSLAVSKY. THE OTHER REASON IS THAT THERE WAS STRAIGHT TALK
15 HERE, THERE WAS INTERNAL CONFLICT ABOUT THE LEGISLATION AMONG
16 THOSE WHO HAD PREVIOUSLY BEEN IDENTIFIED AS PROPONENTS. THAT'S
17 WHAT HAPPENED. AND TO THE EXTENT THAT THAT IS THE CASE, LET'S
18 --

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20 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** IT HAPPENED RIGHT ABOUT THE TIME WE WERE
21 GOING TO TAKE IT TO PERB.

22

23 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** YEAH. WELL, YOU HAVE A NUMBER OF
24 FACTORS AT WORK HERE. AND SO I JUST THINK THERE'S AN UPSIDE TO
25 BE ACHIEVED BY, WITHOUT PREJUDICE. I WANT TO BE REAL CLEAR



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1 ABOUT THIS. I DON'T KNOW WHAT WILL ULTIMATELY COME OUT OF AN
2 ADDITIONAL ROUND OF CONVERSATIONS. I KNOW WHAT WILL NOT BE
3 ABLE TO HAPPEN IS A REPRESENTATION THAT THE PRINCIPAL ENTITIES
4 FOR THE RESPECTIVE BARGAINING UNITS, THEY WILL NOT BE ABLE TO
5 SAY THAT "WE DIDN'T KNOW WHAT WAS GOING ON." I DO KNOW THAT.
6 AND I THINK THERE'S VALUE TO BE ATTACHED TO THAT. WHAT THE
7 CONTENT WILL BE IS ANOTHER MATTER ALTOGETHER, WHICH THE BOARD
8 ITSELF WILL HAVE TO SUSPEND JUDGMENT. GOOD FAITH IS GOOD
9 FAITH. AND IT SEEMS TO ME THAT IT OUGHT TO BE MADE EVIDENT ON
10 THE PART OF ALL PARTIES. THIS HAS NOT BEEN HANDLED WELL FROM
11 MY POINT OF VIEW. I AM CONFIDENT ABOUT WHAT WAS REPRESENTED TO
12 ME IN MY OFFICE, THAT THIS MATTER WAS PRETTY WELL-HANDLED. IT
13 MAY HAVE BEEN REPRESENTED IN GOOD FAITH AT THE TIME. BUT IT
14 WAS COMPLETELY INACCURATE. AND THE MINIMUM WE CAN EXPECT AS A
15 BOARD IS ACCURATE REPRESENTATION. NOW, I NEED NOT TO IMPUGN
16 ANYBODY'S MOTIVES IN ORDER TO SAY WHAT I KNOW WHAT WAS
17 REPRESENTED TO ME. AND I DON'T THINK THAT I'M THE ONLY OFFICE
18 THAT THAT WAS TOLD TO. IF THE PARTIES WITH WHICH YOU
19 NEGOTIATED FLIPPED OR CHANGED THEIR MINDS, THAT OUGHT TO BE
20 PUT ON THE TABLE, AS WELL. BUT I WAS TOLD THAT CONSENSUS,
21 AGREEMENT OR WHATEVER HAD BEEN REACHED. IT IS CLEAR BY THOSE,
22 IF WE ACCEPT THEM AS THE PRINCIPAL SPOKESPERSONS FOR THEIR
23 RESPECTIVE BARGAINING UNITS, THEY ARE SAYING THAT THEY DID NOT
24 AGREE TO IT OR SIGN OFF ON IT.

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1 **C.E.O. FUJIOKA:** I BELIEVE, SIR, THAT IS A POINT IN TIME
2 DISCUSSION. AT THE POINT WE SHARED IT WITH YOU.

3

4 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** THE POINT IN TIME I'M DEALING
5 WITH RIGHT NOW AND WHAT THEY ARE REPRESENTING NOW. SO THE
6 QUESTION BEFORE THE BOARD IS PLAIN AND SIMPLE. IS IT WORTH
7 EXTENDING A FEW MORE WEEKS? YOU'VE ALREADY SAID YOU DON'T
8 THINK IT'S WORTH IT. THE QUESTION FOR THE BOARD IS DO WE THINK
9 IT'S WORTH IT TO DO SO FOR FOUR WEEKS OR WHATEVER PERIOD OF
10 TIME WE DEEM APPROPRIATE TO GET THIS THING ON TRACK? NOW, I
11 WANT TO BE REAL CLEAR. THE CONTENT OF WHAT EMERGES I SEEK NOT
12 TO INFLUENCE. THAT IS NOT MY CONCERN. THIS IS A PROCESS AND A
13 RESTORATION OF A SENSE OF GOOD FAITH ON BOTH PARTIES THAT I
14 SEEK TO INSPIRE TO THE EXTENT THAT THAT CAN BE ACCOMPLISHED.
15 MEMBERS OF THE BOARD, WHAT SAY YE? ALL RIGHT. THE MATTER IS
16 BEFORE US FOR A FOUR-WEEK CONTINUANCE.

17

18 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** I THINK THERE WAS A MOTION BY SUPERVISOR
19 MOLINA --

20

21 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** I WASN'T HERE. THERE WAS NO
22 SECOND. I WAS NOT HERE. SUPERVISOR KNABE SAID THERE WAS NO
23 SECOND.

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25 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** I SECOND IT NOW.



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2 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** YOU SECONDED NOW? THE MOTION IS
3 TO?

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5 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** TO APPROVE THE ORDINANCE.

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7 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** TO APPROVE THE ORDINANCE BEFORE
8 US. THAT COMES AS A SUBSTITUTE MOTION FOR THE MOTION THAT I
9 PUT FORTH WHICH IS A FOUR-WEEK CONTINUANCE BY ORDINARY
10 PARLIAMENTARY PROCEDURE, THE SUBSTITUTE MOTION IS TO BE TAKEN
11 UP FIRST. AND WE'LL VOTE ON THAT ITEM. SO ON THE SUBSTITUTE
12 FIRST. AND SO THE ISSUE IS ESSENTIALLY THIS. TO ADOPT THE
13 ORDINANCE PURSUANT TO A MOLINA-YAROSLAVSKY MOTION. MADAM
14 EXECUTIVE OFFICER, CALL THE ROLL.

15

16 **SACHI HAMAI, EXEC. OFFICER:** THIS IS WE'RE DOING A ROLL CALL
17 VOTE ON THE ORDINANCE, THE MOTION BEFORE YOU TO MOVE THE
18 ORDINANCE, WHICH IS ITEM NUMBER 23 AND ITEM NUMBER 50?

19

20 **SUP. MOLINA:** IS MINE A SUBSTITUTE?

21

22 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** YES.

23

24 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** IT'S FINE.

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1 **SACHI HAMAI, EXEC. OFFICER:** SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS HAD A
2 FOUR-WEEK; YOU'RE SUBSTITUTING BECAUSE YOU'RE ASKING FOR THE
3 QUESTION TO BE CALLED.

4

5 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** AND I ENCOURAGE A NO VOTE ON THE
6 SUBSTITUTE. PROCEED.

7

8 **SACHI HAMAI, EXEC. OFFICER:** SUPERVISOR MOLINA?

9

10 **SUP. MOLINA:** SO WE'RE VOTING ON?

11

12 **SACHI HAMAI, EXEC. OFFICER:** MOVING THE ITEMS TODAY.

13

14 **SUP. MOLINA:** AYE.

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16 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** AYE.

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18 **SUP. KNABE:** NO.

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20 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** AYE.

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22 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** NO.

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24 **SACHI HAMAI, EXEC. OFFICER:** MOTION CARRIES. THAT WOULD BE BOTH
25 ITEM 23 AND 50.



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2 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** ALL RIGHT. THANK YOU VERY MUCH.
3 THAT TAKES CARE OF THE ITEM BEFORE US. ANY FURTHER BUSINESS TO
4 COME BEFORE US, MADAM EXECUTIVE OFFICER?

5

6 **SACHI HAMAI, EXEC. OFFICER:** THERE IS ANOTHER ITEM, ITEM NUMBER
7 4 AND I BELIEVE, MR. CHAIRMAN, YOU WANTED TO ATTACH ITEM 51-C
8 TO IT. SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH WAS ALSO HOLDING THE ITEM WITH
9 YOU.

10

11 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** ALL RIGHT. ITEM NUMBER?

12

13 **SACHI HAMAI, EXEC. OFFICER:** IT'S ITEM NUMBER 4 AND YOU WERE
14 ATTACHING ITEM 51-C.

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16 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** 51-C ALREADY BEEN SIGNED INTO
17 LAW BY THE GOVERNOR WHICH IS ESSENTIALLY TO DEAL WITH JUVENILE
18 DELINQUENTS. THEIR PLIGHT THAT WOULD HAVE BEEN S.B.260.

19

20 **SUP. KNABE:** IT'S MOOT NOW.

21

22 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** BUT IT TIES TO ITEM NUMBER 4 IN
23 THE FOLLOWING MANNER; NAMELY, TO USE THE THRUST OF S.B.260 AS
24 ONE OF THE ARGUMENTS WHEN GOING TO THE FEDERAL PANEL SEEKING
25 CONSIDERATION. SO THAT'S AN IMPORTANT ACCOMPLISHMENT. AND THE



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1 GOVERNOR SAYS THAT IS WHAT HE HAS TO DO IN ORDER TO GET THE
2 RELIEF THAT'S BEING SOUGHT WITH RESPECT TO THE OVERCROWDING OF
3 THE PRISONS AND NOT HAVING SUCH AN ARDUOUS SET OF REGULATIONS
4 IMPOSED ON US. AND SO I THOUGHT IT WOULD BE APPROPRIATE TO TIE
5 THE TWO TOGETHER. AND I DON'T KNOW THAT THERE'S A LOT MORE
6 DISCUSSION THAT NEEDS TO TAKE PLACE ON IT. SUPERVISOR KNABE,
7 YOU'RE COAUTHORING ITEM 4 WITH ME. ANY FURTHER DISCUSSION?
8 THERE'S BEEN A SECOND. SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH?

9

10 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** THE PROBLEM I HAVE WITH THIS, IT'S KIND OF
11 RE-ALIGNMENT-LIKE. THE REASON I SAY THAT IS THE FIRST TWO
12 PORTIONS OF THIS ARE VERY GOOD. "TO AUTHORIZE THE STATE TO
13 ENTER INTO AGREEMENTS WITH PUBLIC AND PRIVATE STATE AND OUT OF
14 STATE FACILITIES TO HOUSE INMATES." THAT'S FINE. "APPROPRIATES
15 315 MILLION DOLLARS TO FUND THE CAPACITY EXPANSION CONTRACT
16 WITH THOSE FACILITIES." AND THAT'S FINE. BUT THEN IT HAS
17 "DIRECT THE STATE TO WORK WITH STAKEHOLDERS OVER THE NEXT YEAR
18 TO SEEK LONGER- TERM SOLUTIONS TO REDUCE RECIDIVISM AND THE
19 PRISON POPULATION." AND WHAT WE HAVE HERE DOES NOT DETAIL HOW
20 ANY FUNDING AND THE RECIDIVISM REDUCTION ACT WOULD BE
21 ALLOCATED. AND AS OUR COUNTY PROBATION HAS EXPERIENCED, I KNOW
22 THE OTHER 57 COUNTIES ARE HAVING THE SAME PROBLEM, IT'S TAKEN
23 THEM TWO YEARS RIGHT NOW AND WE'RE STILL NOT UP AND OPERATING
24 EFFECTIVELY. AND WE'RE NOT ALSO RECEIVING THE FULL
25 REIMBURSEMENTS FOR THOSE MANDATED COSTS. SO WHEN THE



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1 LEGISLATURE DID THEIR COMPROMISE, THEY PUT IN THE 105
2 PROVISIONS RELATIVE TO THESE ADDITIONAL PROGRAMS WHICH ARE
3 GOING TO END UP FORCING COUNTIES TO PICK UP FROM OUR GENERAL
4 FUND MANY OF THESE PROGRAMS THAT ARE NOT GOING TO BE FULLY
5 FUNDED BY THE STATE. AND SO AS I SAID, THE FIRST TWO
6 PROVISIONS I WOULD SUPPORT WHEN THE GOVERNOR ATTEMPTED TO HAVE
7 THE PUBLIC-PRIVATE OUT OF STATE FACILITIES, BUT HE ALREADY HAS
8 THAT AUTHORITY ON HIS OWN. HE DOESN'T NEED THE STATE
9 LEGISLATION. BUT I WOULD SUPPORT THOSE PARTS. BUT AS FAR AS
10 THE OTHERS, I COULD NOT SUPPORT THAT.

11

12 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** I THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR
13 ANTONOVICH, FOR YOUR INSIGHTS ON THAT MATTER. WE THINK IT'S IN
14 THE BEST INTEREST OF THE COUNTY TO JOIN WITH THE GOVERNOR TO
15 MAKE SURE THAT DECISIONS OF THE FEDERAL PANEL DOESN'T HARM US;
16 THEREFORE, WE SEEK THIS LEGISLATIVE PURSUIT. ANY INSIGHT THAT
17 WISH TO SHARE, MR. KRATTLI, ON THE ITEM?

18

19 **JOHN KRATTLI, COUNSEL:** PURSUANT TO ITEM NUMBER 4, WE WILL BE
20 FILING APPROPRIATE BRIEFS WITH THE APPELLATE COURTS. BUT
21 BEYOND THAT, NO, I HAVE NOTHING FURTHER TO ADD.

22

23 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** THOSE ARE THE INSTRUCTIONS
24 PURSUANT TO THE MOTION. SUPERVISOR KNABE MOVES AND SUPERVISOR
25 YAROSLAVSKY, YOU'RE COMFORTABLE THEREFORE YOU SECOND. IF THERE



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1 ARE NO OBJECTIONS, AN ABSTENTION ON THE PART OF SUPERVISOR
2 ANTONOVICH?

3

4 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** YES.

5

6 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** FOUR AYES AND ONE ABSTENTION TO
7 BE RECORDED. ALL RIGHT. THANK YOU VERY MUCH. I THINK THERE ARE
8 ADJOURNING MOTIONS AT THIS POINT IN TIME TO BE HEARD. LET'S
9 START WITH THE THIRD DISTRICT AND WE'LL PROCEED FROM THERE.
10 SUPERVISOR?

11

12 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** YEAH, I'D LIKE TO, MR. RIDLEY-THOMAS IF
13 YOU'D JOIN WITH ME ON THIS ONE, JUANITA MURRY.

14

15 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** YEAH.

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17 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** A LONGTIME STAFF MEMBER FOR THE EXPOSITION
18 LIGHT RAIL CONSTRUCTION AUTHORITY. SHE WAS OUR BOARD
19 SECRETARY, AMONG OTHER THINGS, WHO PASSED AWAY AFTER AN
20 ILLNESS THAT STRUCK HER A FEW MONTHS AGO. JUANITA WAS A
21 WONDERFUL PERSON, DEALT WITH ALL OF OUR PERSONALITIES WITH
22 GREAT CLASS AND STYLE AND PATIENCE AND KEPT THAT -- SHE WAS
23 THE GLUE THAT KEPT THAT BOARD TOGETHER. SHE IS SURVIVED BY HER
24 HUSBAND JAMES, FIVE DAUGHTERS, TAMMY WOODS HENSON, DAWN BAKER,
25 LISA MURRY, SHEILA MURRY AND MARGARET PULLEY, A SON ANTWUAN



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1 WOODS, HER FATHER CHARLES ANDERSON SR., 12 GRANDCHILDREN,
2 GREAT GRANDCHILDREN. HARD TO BELIEVE SHE HAD GREAT
3 GRANDCHILDREN. A BROTHER CHARLES, JUNIOR, FOUR SISTERS
4 ELEANOR, JEANETTE, DELORES AND JACKIE AND MANY OTHER FAMILY
5 MEMBERS AND FRIENDS AND A VERY GRATEFUL EXPOSITION LIGHT RAIL
6 AUTHORITY. RABBI PHILIP BERG, FOUNDER OF THE KABALLAH CENTER,
7 RELIGIOUS ORGANIZATION RECENTLY PASSED AWAY AT THE AGE OF 84.
8 HE IS SURVIVED BY HIS WIFE KAREN AND TWO YEHUDA AND MICHAEL.
9 RAY DOLBY, RENOWN ENGINEER AND SCIENTIST WHOSE NAME BECAME
10 SYNONYMOUS WITH NOISE-FREE HIGH FIDELITY SOUND PASSED AWAY AT
11 THE AGE OF 80 AFTER A LONG STRUGGLE WITH ALZHEIMER'S DISEASE.
12 I WON'T READ HIS ENTIRE BIOGRAPHY HERE. BUT I THINK WE ALL
13 KNOW WHAT DOLBY SOUND IS IF WE'VE GONE TO SEE A MOVIE ON THIS
14 PLANET THIS IS LAST 30, 40 YEARS. HE MAINTAINED DOLBY
15 LABORATORIES AT THE FOREFRONT OF ITS FIELD, LIVING TESTIMONY
16 TO HIS GENIUS AND VISION. HE IS SURVIVED BY HIS WIFE OF 47
17 YEARS, DAGMAR, TWO SONS, TOM AND DAVID, AND FOUR
18 GRANDCHILDREN. AND FINALLY ASK THAT WE ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF
19 FRED KATZ, LONG- TIME RESIDENT OF THE COUNTY, TALENTED AND
20 INNOVATIVE MUSICIAN, COMPOSER AND EDUCATOR WHO PASSED AWAY AT
21 THE AGE OF 94. HE WAS A JAZZ PIANIST. BACKED LENA HORN AND
22 TONY BENNETT AS A TRADITIONAL ACCOMPANIST BEFORE BREAKING AWAY
23 FOR AN ECLECTIC AND EXPERIMENTAL CAREER IN THE '50S WEST COAST
24 JAZZ SCENE WITH THE CHICO HAMILTON QUINTET. HE BEGAN TEACHING
25 CULTURAL ANTHROPOLOGY, SHAMANIC MAGIC AND RELIGION AT U.C.L.A.



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1 AND CAL STATE NORTHRIDGE. HE IS SURVIVED BY HIS SON HYMAN AND
2 DAUGHTER MARIAN SCATLIFFE, AND FIVE GRANDCHILDREN. MY
3 ADJOURNING MOTIONS.

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5 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** SUPERVISOR KNABE?

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7 **SUP. KNABE:** THANK YOU, MR. CHAIRMAN. I ONLY HAVE ONE
8 ADJOURNMENT TODAY AND THAT'S IN MEMORY OF A DEAR FRIEND MR.
9 LEW MCCULLOUGH PASSED AWAY THIS PAST FRIDAY SUDDENLY. HE WAS
10 OUR LEAD USHER AT CHURCH AND RESIDENT OF CERRITOS, EXECUTIVE
11 TRAINER OF DALE CARNEGIE LONG BEACH. LONG BEACH ROTARY AND AS
12 I SAID WAS AN ACTIVE PARISHIONER AT THE EMMANUEL CHURCH IN
13 PARAMOUNT WHERE JULIE AND I ATTEND. HE WILL BE MISSED BY
14 FAMILY AND FRIENDS AND SHOCK TO ALL OF US. HE'S SURVIVED BY
15 HIS LOVELY WIFE MAY.

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17 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH?

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19 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** CHAIRMAN, I MOVE THAT WE ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF
20 THE FOLLOWING: SISTER MARY JOEL SCULLY WHO WAS AN EDUCATOR AT
21 MAYFIELD JUNIOR SCHOOL IN PASADENA AND ALSO TUTORED THE
22 STUDENTS AT PASADENA COMMUNITY COLLEGE. SHE PASSED AWAY AT THE
23 AGE OF 91. SHE WAS HONORED BY THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES AT
24 PASADENA CITY COLLEGE AT THE CAMPUS SPECIAL RECOGNITION
25 AWARDS, WHICH IS ONE OF THE HIGHLIGHTS IN HER LIFE. SHE LEAVES



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1 HER BROTHER FRANCIS AS WELL AS MANY NIECES AND NEPHEWS.
2 FREDERICK PERRY JENKS PASSED AWAY AT THE AGE OF 97. HE
3 RECEIVED HIS DOCTORATE FROM NOTRE DAME UNIVERSITY AT THE AGE
4 OF 22. SERVED IN THE UNITED STATES ARMY AIR CORPS AS A FIGHTER
5 PILOT AND AN AIRPLANE DESIGNER. HE LED SOUTHWESTERN INDUSTRIES
6 A MANUFACTURER OF MISSILE COMPONENTS WHICH WAS VERY CRITICAL
7 FOR THE APOLLO MOON LANDING AND THE AMERICAN SPACE PROGRAM.
8 JAMES COY CANTRELL AND GAIL LOUISE CANTRELL PASSED AWAY,
9 LONGTIME RESIDENTS OF COVINA. JAMES PASSED AWAY ON SEPTEMBER
10 4TH AT THE AGE OF 72, AND HE WAS FOLLOWED BY GAIL WHO PASSED
11 AWAY FOUR DAYS LATER ON SEPTEMBER 8TH AT THE AGE OF 72. THEY
12 WERE BOTH GRADUATES OF COVINA HIGH SCHOOL AND BOTH ATTENDED
13 MOUNT SAC AND THEY CELEBRATED THEIR 50TH ANNIVERSARY THIS YEAR
14 AND THEY WERE QUITE ACTIVE IN THE FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF
15 COVINA FOR THE PAST 40 YEARS. PHILIP ROMERO, LONGTIME RESIDENT
16 OF COVINA, PASSED AWAY AT THE AGE OF 84, RETIRED EMPLOYEE AT
17 THE MONROVIA PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT. SMILKA DIMKICH
18 RADJENOVICH PASSED AWAY ON DECEMBER 6TH. SHE WORKED AT
19 BRUNSWICK DRUG STORES IN LOS ANGELES AND WAS THE CHURCH
20 SECRETARY AT ST. STEVEN SERBIAN ORTHODOX CHURCH IN ALHAMBRA
21 AND ONE OF THE FOUNDERS OF THE ATHLETIC CLUB SPORTS BANQUET
22 WHICH FUNDS COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIPS. JAMES JOHN DELAINI, 34-YEAR
23 RESIDENT OF LANCASTER PASSED AWAY AT THE AGE OF 80 AT THE
24 UNITED STATES NAVY VETERAN. HE WAS INVOLVED WITH HIS CHURCH
25 AND FAMILY. ROBERT NADEL, JUST COMPLETED AND RETIRED AFTER 40



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1 YEARS OF PRACTICING LAW IN ENCINO. SURVIVED BY HIS SONS AND
2 TWO DAUGHTERS, SARAH AND BARBARA. ROBERT STEWART MACALISTER,
3 PASSED AWAY AT THE AGE OF 89, GRADUATED U.C.L.A., UNITED
4 STATES ARMY INFANTRY, SOLDIER WHO FOUGHT UNDER GENERAL PATTON
5 IN THE BATTLE OF THE BULGE WHERE HE RECEIVED HIS THREE BATTLE
6 STARS AND HIS COMBAT INFANTRYMEN'S BADGE. HAD SUCCESSFUL
7 CAREER IN OCCIDENTAL PETROLEUM AND SHELL OIL COMPANY AND WITH
8 THE HAMILTON BROTHERS PRODUCING OIL IN THE NORTH SEA. RICO
9 DOUGLAS PASSED AWAY AT THE AGE OF 77. SHE WAS A WIDOW OF JACK
10 DOUGLAS. RICO WAS ONE OF MY SUPPORTERS OVER THE YEARS. HER
11 HUSBAND AND SHE WERE QUITE INVOLVED. AS YOU KNOW, SHE MANY
12 TIMES WAS A GUEST ON THE JACK PARR, MERV GRIFFIN PROGRAMS. AND
13 HER HUSBAND WAS A FREQUENT GUEST, AS WELL. AND ALSO A WRITER
14 FOR MANY OF THE COMEDIANS. AND SHE WAS BORN IN JAPAN IN 1936
15 AND STUDIED AEROBICS DANCING AND HER TEAMS HAVE PERFORMED WITH
16 THE TOKYO CAN-CAN GIRLS ON JAPANESE TELEVISION BEFORE COMING
17 TO THE UNITED STATES WITH HER ENTERTAINMENT CAREER. AS I SAID,
18 SHE AND HER HUSBAND JACK WERE QUITE INVOLVED. AND SHE WAS FROM
19 THE VALLEY. HER LIFE AND HER HUSBAND AND HER TWO CHILDREN
20 PROVIDED MATERIAL FOR HIS HUMOR BOOKS WHICH INCLUDED "BENEDICT
21 ARNOLD SLEPT HERE" AND "GOING NUTS IN BRAZIL." SHE CONTINUED
22 TO PERFORM FOR YEARS AFTER HE DIED IN 1989 AT THE AGE OF 80.
23 SHE USED TO HAVE A ROUTINE WHERE SHE COULD SING THE
24 PRESIDENT'S SONG WRITTEN BY HER HUSBAND IN WHICH SHE WOULD
25 SING THE NAMES OF EVERY UNITED STATES PRESIDENT FROM GEORGE



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1 WASHINGTON UP TO THE PRESENT. SO THOSE ARE MY ADJOURNMENTS,
2 MR. CHAIRMAN.

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4 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** SUPERVISOR MOLINA, ADJOURNING
5 MOTIONS?

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7 **SUP. MOLINA:** MR. CHAIRMAN, MEMBERS, I'D LIKE TO ASK THAT WE
8 ADJOURN IN THE MEMORY OF BUCK BUCHANAN, HE IS THE BELOVED
9 HUSBAND OF A FRIEND OF MINE SUZANNA BUCHANAN. HE WAS BORN
10 SOUTH BEND, INDIANA. HE SERVED IN THE UNITED STATES AIR FORCE
11 FOR OVER THE 22 YEARS. AND HE ULTIMATELY ACHIEVED THE RANK OF
12 MASTER SERGEANT. AFTER THAT, BUCK WENT ON TO WORK AS A
13 PURCHASING AGENT FOR THE AIRLINE MANUFACTURING AND PURSUED HIS
14 LOVE OF SPORTS CAR RACING. WE WANT TO EXTEND OUR CONDOLENCES
15 TO SUZANNA AN AND HER FAMILY.

16

17 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** ALL RIGHT. THANK YOU VERY MUCH.
18 I SIMPLY WISH TO REINFORCE THE SENTIMENT WITH RESPECT TO
19 JUANITA MURRY. SOME OF US ARE TAKEN ABACK BY THE SUDDENNESS OF
20 HER DEATH, AND WE WISH TO RESTATE OUR SYMPATHIES TO HER ENTIRE
21 FAMILY, BOTH PERSONAL AND WORK-RELATED. THIS IS QUITE
22 STUNNING. SHE REPRESENTED WELL. AND SOMETIMES THINGS JUST
23 CATCH YOU OFF GUARD. SUCH AS THE CASE WITH THE PASSING OF
24 JUANITA.

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1 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** MR. CHAIRMAN?

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3 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** SUPERVISOR?

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5 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** ALSO RICHARD HUBBELL OF THE LOS ANGELES
6 COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT PASSED AWAY ON SEPTEMBER 11TH. HIS
7 LAST ASSIGNMENT WAS EAST LOS ANGELES SHERIFF'S STATION AND
8 DOROTHY ROBERSON LOS ANGELES COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT
9 PASSED AWAY ON AUGUST 20TH. HER LAST ASSIGNMENT WAS INMATE
10 RECEPTION CENTER. VICTOR CAVALLERO, RETIRED CAPTAIN WITH THE
11 COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT. HIS LAST ASSIGNMENT WAS THE VICE
12 BUREAU. THANK YOU.

13

14 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** IN MEMORY OF THOSE THREE MEMBERS
15 OF THE COUNTY FAMILY, SPECIFICALLY THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT.
16 ALL RIGHT THAT CLOSES ALL OF WHAT WE INTENDED TO DISCUSS WITH
17 RESPECT TO ADJOURNING MOTIONS. THERE ARE PERSONS WHO WISH TO
18 BE HEARD. AND I'M GOING TO ASK THE EXECUTIVE OFFICE TO STOP
19 HIDING THESE THINGS FROM ME. THERE IS QUITE A NUMBER HERE.
20 LINDA VASQUEZ, OSCAR JOHNSON, LADIES AND GENTLEMEN IT IS 5:05,
21 ANYBODY WISHING TO WAIVE, WE WOULD GLADLY REWARD YOU
22 ACCORDINGLY. SANDRA OROZCO, ARNOLD SACHS, ERIC PREVEN, COME
23 ON, OSCAR, IRENE PANG, BOBBY COOPER AND TERI -- YEAH, I
24 UNDERSTAND, I'M JOINING THAT PARTY. SIR?

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1 **OSCAR JOHNSON:** YES. MY NAME IS OSCAR. I SPEAK FOR THE
2 OPPRESSED. I SPEAK FOR CULTURE CHANGE. I'D LIKE TO SPEAK TO
3 REPRESENT RELIGION. THE WORLD OPPRESSORS CAME UP WITH AN IDEA
4 TO GO AGAINST THE PLAN OF GOD. AND TURNED PEOPLE TO THE SAME
5 SEX. AND THEY WENT AND THE WORLD OPPRESSOR WENT TO EGYPT TO
6 FIND THE SPHINX PROPERLY CALLED P-A-P-A-L. AND THE PEOPLE WERE
7 LIKE POPE LIKE WERE TODAY. AND THE FIRST PEOPLE WENT TO
8 CATHOLICISM WAS EUROPEANS BUT THE SAME SEX AND THE CAT AND THE
9 CAT LICKED OUT OF THE BOWL AND THAT'S WHERE YOU GET CAT LICKS
10 FROM AND YOU GOT THE FUR IS CALLED CAT. THIS IS HOW ORAL SEX
11 AND SAME SEX GOT INTO RELIGION. AND WHEN BLACK AMERICA WAS
12 FREE FROM SLAVERY, BLACK AMERICA THE BIBLE AND THE SAME
13 PATTERN HAVE FALLEN INTO THE BLACK COMMUNITY AND THE PATTERN
14 IS DENYING BLACK MEN FEMALES TO MARRY AND BLACK FEMALE MEN TO
15 MARRY.

16

17 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE?

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19 **IRENE PANG:** I'M IRENE PANG. MY FAMILY MEMBERS AND I WORK HARD
20 FOR UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT COULD BE IN THE PERSON FOR THE
21 PERSON AND ALSO HEALTH WORKING CONDITIONS. AND I NEED EXTEND
22 COVERAGE FOR MY FAMILY AND I. AND SECOND, DURING MY DUTY BUT
23 MY CAR HAD BEEN IMPOUND FOR THE CHOSEN PARTY. AT THAT TIME
24 WORKING LIKE -- (INAUDIBLE) GOVERNMENT MANAGEMENT. YOU SAW
25 WHEN THE DUTY.



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2 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU. YOUR TIME HAS
3 EXPIRED, MA'AM.

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5 **IRENE PANG:** HOW LONG?

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7 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** ONE MINUTE. THANK YOU. NEXT
8 SPEAKER, PLEASE? YOU MAY PROCEED.

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10 **SANDY OROZCO:** SANDY OROZCO, I WAS HERE EARLIER. I'M A
11 SOUTHEAST POLITICAL ACTIVIST. I SUFFER FROM MULTIPLE
12 SCLEROSIS. I WANT TO SUPPORT OUR ASSOCIATION. OF COURSE I
13 ENDORSE THE LOS ANGELES SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT THE CITY OF
14 MAYWOOD AND THERE'S GOING ON THIS SUNDAY, I'M GOING TO EMAIL
15 YOU, THE NATIONAL M.S. SOCIETY IS GOING TO HAVE A DANCE WALK,
16 DANCING TOWARD A CURE. THAT'S GOING TO BE THIS SUNDAY,
17 SEPTEMBER 22ND, UNIVERSITY HIGH SCHOOL. IT'S THE FIRST ANNUAL
18 DANCE WALK FOR THOSE AT THAT SUFFER FROM MULTIPLE SCLEROSIS.
19 SO THEY'RE GOING TO HAVE PEOPLE, THE DANCERS ARE GOING TO BE
20 DANCING WITH THE STARS. I BELIEVE ONE OF THE DANCERS SUFFERS
21 FROM M.S. AND SHE WAS ON T.V. LAST NIGHT ON CHANNEL 7. SO I'M
22 GOING TO BE COMING TO YOUR MEETINGS QUITE OFTEN IF I CAN GET
23 AWAY. I'M A SOUTH EAST POLITICAL ACTIVIST IN CITY OF MAYWOOD.
24 CUDAHAY AND I FORGOT ONE OF THE CITIES. BUT I DO THANK YOU FOR



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1 TAKING THE TIME TO LISTEN TO ME. I'M A VOICE FOR THOSE THAT
2 SUFFER FROM MULTIPLE SCLEROSIS.

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4 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** YES, MA'AM.

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6 **SANDRA OROZCO:** I'M IN A WHEELCHAIR BECAUSE I HAVE A FRACTURED
7 ANKLE BUT AS SOON AS THAT HEALS WITHIN A MONTH I'LL BE OUT OF
8 THIS WHEELCHAIR INTO A WALKER AND THEN AFTER THAT I'M ASKING
9 GOD THAT I'LL BE ABLE TO WALK AND DRIVE MY MERCEDES ONE DAY.

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11 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU. WE'LL LOOK FORWARD TO
12 THAT. ALL RIGHT. WE'LL TAKE THE NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE. AND I'M
13 GOING TO CALL GLORIA DE LEON, JANE THAXSTON, YOANA MUNOS,
14 FLORENDA GIUTIERREZ. ERICA GUTIERREZ. ALL OF YOU SHOULD COME
15 FORWARD. MIAHUATL KUAHTZIN. ALL OF THOSE PERSONS SHOULD COME
16 FORWARD. YOUR NAME, MA'AM?

17

18 **TERRI TERAMURA:** HELLO MY NAME IS TERRY TERAMURA, AND I MIGHT
19 REQUEST THAT ALL THE SUPERVISORS PAY ATTENTION.

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21 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** MA'AM, YOU SHOULD PROCEED.

22

23 **TERRI TERAMURA:** TO THE SPEAKERS.

24

25 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** YOU SHOULD PROCEED.



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2 **TERRI TERAMURA:** BECAUSE IT'S VERY RUDE.

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4 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** MA'AM?

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6 **TERRI TERAMURA:** VERY RUDE OF YOU.

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8 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** MA'AM, I'M GOING TO INVITE YOU
9 TO PROCEED.

10

11 **TERRI TERAMURA:** I AM HERE ON A PUBLIC SAFETY ISSUE.

12

13 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** OKAY.

14

15 **TERRI TERAMURA:** AND I AM COMING ADDRESS THE BOARD OF
16 SUPERVISORS. THERE ARE THREE OF YOU OUT OF FIVE. I JUST WANT
17 TO MAKE THAT POINT.

18

19 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** MA'AM, WHAT DISTRICT?

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21 **TERRI TERAMURA:** MY BROTHER WAS KILLED IN DOWNEY, BY DOWNEY
22 POLICE. I AM HERE ON BEHALF OF ALL THE FAMILIES WHO ARE
23 SUFFERING BECAUSE OF THE ARMED AND DANGEROUS MEN AND WOMEN
24 PATROLLING THE STREETS OF L.A. COUNTY. THEY'RE WEARING
25 UNIFORMS AND BADGES AND CARRYING GUNS. I AM HERE FOR JONATHAN



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1 CUEVAS WHO WAS KILLED BY A SHERIFF. I AM HERE FOR BOBBY
2 HENNING, JR., IGNACIO OCHOA, RIGOBERTO ARSEO, JOSE DELA
3 TRINIDAD, TONY FRANCIS, JR., TERRY LAFEET AND MANY, MANY MORE.
4 THERE HAVE BEEN SO MANY PEOPLE KILLED BY YOUR SHERIFFS. I
5 THINK YOU NEED TO DO SOMETHING ABOUT IT. THERE NEEDS TO BE A
6 CHANGE. SHERIFF BACA NEEDS TO GO. PAUL TANAKA IS HIS CLONE. SO
7 WE NEED CHANGE IN YOUR DEPARTMENT. THANK YOU.

8

9 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR YOUR
10 TESTIMONY. WE'LL TAKE THE NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE. GO RIGHT
11 AHEAD.

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13 **SPEAKER:** ON MAY 11, 2013 MY HUSBAND RIGOBERTO ARSEO WAS SHOT
14 AND MURDERED IN COLD BLOOD BY AN L.A.P.D. SHERIFF'S DEPUTY
15 PATROLLING THE CITY OF CUDAHY. ALL RIGO DID WAS QUESTION THE
16 DEPUTY AT WHY HE WAS AIMING A GUN AT HIM. RIGO DID NOTHING
17 WRONG. HE DID NOT HAVE A GUN NOR THREATENING ANYONE. NOW OUR
18 KIDS ARE LEFT WITHOUT A FATHER BECAUSE THE SHERIFF'S DEPUTY
19 SHOT FIRST AND ASKED QUESTIONS LATER. MY HUSBAND WAS A
20 HARDWORKING MAN THAT LOVED AND SUPPORTED HIS KIDS. HE WAS
21 LOVED AND RESPECTED BY EVERYONE AT HIS JOB WORKING AS A
22 BIOMEDICAL ENGINEER. NOW WE HAVE TO SUE IN FEDERAL CIVIL
23 COURTS FOR JUSTICE BECAUSE NOTHING IS BEING DONE AT THE LOCAL
24 LEVEL. WE WANT BETTER TRAINING FOR EVERYONE PATROLLING OUR
25 CITIES. CAN YOU HEAR ME?



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2 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** WE CAN INDEED.

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4 **SPEAKER:** THANK YOU FOR YOUR ATTENTION.

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6 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** YES, MA'AM. ARE YOU DONE?

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8 **SPEAKER:** VERY SERIOUS MATTER.

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10 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** I RECOGNIZE THAT AND YOU HAVE
11 THE BALANCE OF YOUR TIME TO BE HEARD.

12

13 **SPEAKER:** THANK YOU.

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15 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

16

17 **GLORIA DE LEON:** MY NAME IS GLORIA DE LEON. MY HUSBAND IGNOSIO
18 WAS KILLED 9/15/13. HE WAS RIDING HIS BICYCLE. THE POLICE
19 DIDN'T STOP, DIDN'T SAY ANY COMMAND. JUST THEY ATTACKED HIM. I
20 JUST WANT TO KNOW WHY THEY KILL HIM? HE WAS ALREADY IN
21 HANDCUFFS WHEN THEY SHOT HIM HE WAS BEGGING FOR HIS LIFE AND
22 SAYING PLEASE HELP ME, SIR. BLACK AFRICAN LADY, SHE TRIED TO
23 COME AND SEE WHO WAS ON THE STREET AND THEY SAY "IT'S ANOTHER
24 MEXICAN." WE'RE HUMAN. I HAVE THREE KIDS. HE WAS OUR PROVIDER.
25 HE (INAUDIBLE) THE STREETS. HE WAS OUR PROVIDER. MY KIDS THREE



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1 DAYS AGO HE WAS IN THE HOSPITAL -- MY THREE KIDS SAY "WHERE IS
2 DADDY?" I DON'T LIKE THE POLICE ANYMORE. WE'RE SCARED. PLEASE,
3 WE HAVE A LOT OF PEOPLE. WE HAVE A LOT OF MURDERS.

4

5 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** TELL ME WHAT PART OF THE COUNTY
6 YOU LIVE IN.

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8 **GLORIA DE LEON:** I'M SORRY?

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10 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** WHERE IN THE COUNTY DO YOU LIVE?

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12 **GLORIA DE LEON:** PARAMOUNT.

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14 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** YOU LIVE IN PARAMOUNT. ALL
15 RIGHT.

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17 **SUP. MOLINA:** (INAUDIBLE)

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19 **GLORIA DE LEON:** IGNACIO OCHOA. 37 YEARS OLD. HE NEVER HAD A
20 RECORD CRIMINAL.

21

22 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** ALL RIGHT. SUPERVISOR KNABE'S
23 CHIEF OF STAFF WILL SPEAK WITH YOU. AND THE PERSON WHO SPOKE
24 BEFORE, WHAT PART OF THE COUNTY? LA PUENTE?

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1 **SPEAKER:** MAY 11.

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3 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** WHERE DO YOU LIVE IN THE COUNTY?
4 CUDAHY? AND THAT'S WHERE THE INCIDENT TOOK PLACE? IN CUDAHY.

5

6 **SPEAKER:** MAY 11 AND MAY 14. THREE DAYS.

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8 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** SO PARAMOUNT, CUDAHAY.
9 SUPERVISOR KNABE AND THEN I THINK SUPERVISOR MOLINA'S STAFF.

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11 **SPEAKER:** PLEASE WILL YOU HELP. WE NEED TO CHANGE.

12

13 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** YOU'RE GOING TO TALK WITH
14 SUPERVISOR KNABE'S CHIEF OF STAFF NOW. THANK YOU VERY MUCH.
15 INDEED. MA'AM?

16

17 **FLORINDA GUTIERREZ:** GOOD AFTERNOON. MY NAME IS FLRORINDA
18 GUTIERREZ AND I HAVE COME HERE INSPIRED BY THE FAITH AND
19 CONFIDENCE THAT I HAVE IN YOU, THE SUPERVISORS, BECAUSE I HAVE
20 MORE THAN 17 YEARS OF EXPERIENCE WORKING WITH THE HIGH-RISK
21 YOUTH IN COMMUNITIES IN ALL YOUR DISTRICTS. I KNOW THAT YOU
22 ARE HONEST AND FAIR AND THAT GIVES ME THE RIGHT AS A VOTING
23 CITIZEN AND TAXPAYER, GRANDMOTHER OF TWO STUDENTS AND SCHOOL
24 VOLUNTEER AT ANAHUACALMECAC TOWARDS YOU TO TAKE ACTION AND
25 CORRECT THIS INJUSTICE THAT OUR STUDENTS ARE VICTIMS OF. THE



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1 STAFF AT LACOE HAVE USED AN INCORRECT, DISHONEST, AND UNJUST
2 PROCESS. DISHONEST BECAUSE THEY ARE QUESTIONING OUR
3 ANAHUACALMECAC FOUNDERS IF THEY ARE U.S.A. CITIZENS. IF OUR
4 ADMINISTRATORS ANSWER 25 PERCENT OF THE SCHOOL BUDGET. AND IF
5 THE TEACHERS ARE GOING TO WORK UNDER THE INFLUENCE OF DRUGS,
6 ALL THE ALLEGATIONS ARE BASED UPON ANONYMOUS DOCUMENTS AND
7 VIOLATES THE BROWN ACT. I AM HERE TO TESTIFY AS A VOLUNTEER
8 AND GRANDMOTHER.

9

10 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR YOUR
11 TESTIMONY. WE'LL TAKE THE NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE. I'M GOING TO
12 CALL ON PATRICIA GONZALEZ, MINNI FERGUSON, RUBY MAREK, MARCOS
13 AGUILAR, ZACHARIAS REYES, ITZEL AGUILERA, YVETTE CASAS,
14 DELORES MEJIA, JOHN WALSH. PETER ELIASBURG. IN THAT ORDER,
15 PLEASE. ALL RIGHT. YOU MAY PROCEED, MAY MANY.

16

17 **ERICA GIUTIERREZ:** GOOD AFTERNOON, HONORABLE SUPERVISORS. I
18 KNOW IT'S BEEN A LONG DAY FOR YOU ALL, AS IT HAS FOR US. BUT I
19 APPRECIATE THE OPPORTUNITY TO TALK. I'M HERE WITH MY TWO SONS,
20 ONE IS A SENIOR AND OTHER PARENTS AND STUDENTS FROM THE
21 SCHOOL. MY NAME IS IS ERICA GUTIERREZ AND I'M ONE OF THE
22 MOTHERS AND TEACHERS THAT SPOKE HERE LAST WEEK. I AM A VOTING,
23 HOME OWNING, TAX PAYING RESIDENT OF PASADENA IN MR.
24 ANTONOVICH'S DISTRICT. IT IS WITH A GREAT URGENCY THAT I
25 COMMUNICATED MY MESSAGE LAST WEEK ABOUT MY CONCERNS REGARDING



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1 LACOE'S PROCESS. I AM HERE TODAY TO REPORT THAT THE OUTCOME
2 AND THE EVENTS THAT TRANSPORTED AT THAT TIME THAT BOARD
3 MEETING HAS ME MORE WORRIED AND HEARTBROKEN AT THE INJUSTICE
4 AT OUR SCHOOL. THEY VOTED TO TAKE A NONACTION WITH OUR SCHOOL,
5 THEREFORE IT WAS NOT RENEWED. THERE WERE MANY INAPPROPRIATE
6 THINGS AND I SAID DISCRIMINATORY LED BY THE CHARTER SCHOOL
7 OFFICE STAFF THAT LIED AND JUST UNETHICALLY TOOK THIS PROCESS.
8 WE HAVE EVIDENCE AND WE ONLY NEED YOUR TIME TO SUPPORT IT. WE
9 ASK YOU TO PLEASE SUPPORT THE RENEWAL OF OUR CHARTER. AND MR.
10 THOMAS, PLEASE APPOINT THAT SEVENTH PERSON THAT WE NEED ON THE
11 BOARD TO MAKE SURE THAT WE CAN GET JUSTICE FOR OUR SCHOOL. IT
12 IS VERY IMPORTANT THAT WE SAVE THIS GEM IN OUR SCHOOL. PLEASE.
13 WE NEED THESE KIDS TO BE ABLE TO GO. THEY CANNOT GO TO COLLEGE
14 IF WE DO NOT GET THIS APPROVED. THEY ARE 100 PERCENT 8-G
15 APPROVED. THE WASCA CREDITATION, THEY DIDN'T EVEN LOOK AT THE
16 SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS THAT IS THE WASCA REPORT. THAT'S
17 DISCREDITING. PLEASE, I URGE YOU. WE HAVE LIMITED TIME TO MAKE
18 SURE IT GETS TAKEN UP ON THEIR AGENDA.

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20 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** THANKS VERY MUCH FOR YOUR
21 TESTIMONY. WE WILL TAKE THE NEXT SPEAKER. IT IS MY
22 UNDERSTANDING THAT IT NOW GOES TO THE STATE FOR CONSIDERATION.
23 IT HAS EXHAUSTED THE PROCESSES AT THE COUNTY LEVEL.

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1 **ERICA GIUTIERREZ:** I THINK WE HAVE OTHER OPTIONS THAT'S WHY I
2 COME TO YOU FOR THAT SUPPORT TO MAKE SURE THAT WE AGENDIZE IT.

3

4 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** NO. I DON'T THINK WE CAN CAUSE
5 IT TO BE REAGENDIZED. YOU HAVE TO APPEAL TO THE LAW. IT IS MY
6 UNDERSTANDING THAT IT NOW AUTOMATICALLY GOES TO THE STATE IF
7 YOU WISH TO APPEAL THERE.

8

9 **ERICA GIUTIERREZ:** THAT'S WHERE I APPRECIATE THAT. THAT'S WHERE
10 WE'RE CHALLENGING THE PROCESS THAT IT WAS UNETHICAL AND UNFAIR
11 AND THE CHARTER OFFICE MISLED THE BOARD MEMBERS.

12

13 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** UNLESS THE BOARD ITSELF WERE TO
14 TAKE THE ITEM UP AGAIN, THAT'S HOW IT WOULD BE RECONSIDERED.
15 THEY HAD A RECOMMENDATION FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT. AND THEY
16 ESSENTIALLY DEADLOCKED, WHICH IS, IN EFFECT, TO CAUSE IT NOT
17 TO GO FORWARD. NOW YOU CAN APPEAL IT TO THE STATE. AND THAT'S
18 ESSENTIALLY THE PROCESS THAT HAS BEEN RECOMMENDED. BUT NOT
19 ONLY RECOMMENDED, IT'S PRESCRIBED BY LAW.

20

21 **ERICA GIUTIERREZ:** I WOULD LIKE THAT BECAUSE AS YOU ALL SPOKE
22 ABOUT REFORM AND ACCOUNTABILITY? WE NEED TO REFORM THIS
23 PROCESS BECAUSE IT HAS BEEN UNETHICAL AND UNFAIR, VIOLATIONS
24 OF THE BROWN ACT HAVE OCCURRED. AND PUBLICLY THE CHARTER



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1 OFFICE ADMITTED THAT THEY DID NOT READ THESE SUPPORTING
2 DOCUMENTS. THEY PRESENTED INACCURATE INFORMATION.

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4 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** TO THE STATE.

5

6 **ERICA GIUTIERREZ:** AND YOU GUYS MUST ADDRESS THIS.

7

8 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** AT THE STATE LEVEL.

9

10 **ERICA GIUTIERREZ:** WE HAVE TO ADDRESS IT AT THE STATE LEVEL
11 WHEN IT WAS DONE AT THE COUNTY LEVEL?

12

13 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** THAT'S YOUR NEXT LEVEL OF
14 APPEAL.

15

16 **ERICA GIUTIERREZ:** YES, I UNDERSTAND THAT. BUT WHAT THE PROCESS
17 THAT HAS COST OUR STUDENTS?

18

19 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** YOU SHOULD PROCEED TO THE NEXT
20 LEVEL OF APPEAL AND EXHAUST THAT. ALL RIGHT?

21

22 **ERICA GIUTIERREZ:** ALL RIGHT. THAT IS YOUR RECOMMENDATION.
23 THANK YOU.

24

25 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** INDEED. ALL RIGHT. MA'AM?



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2 **JEAN THAXTON:** HI, MY NAME IS JEAN AND I LIVE IF THE CITY OF
3 SOUTH GATE AND I BELIEVE I'M IN GLORIA MOLINA'S DISTRICT.

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5 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** OKAY.

6

7 **JEAN THAXTON:** HOWEVER MY SON WAS MURDERED BY DOWNEY POLICE IN
8 DON KNABE'S DISTRICT. HE WAS SHOT IN THE BACK WITH A
9 SUBMACHINE GUN BY THE DOWNEY POLICE DEPARTMENT, JOHN KNABE'S
10 DISTRICT. HE WAS SHOT IN THE BACK WITH A SUB-MACHINE GUN BY
11 THE DOWNEY POLICE DEPARTMENT. I KNOW THIS IS NOT YOUR
12 JURISDICTION. I KNOW YOU'RE COUNTY SUPERVISORS. BUT I JUST
13 WANTED TO SAY THANK YOU, MR. RIDLEY-THOMAS AND MS. MOLINA.
14 YOU'RE THE FIRST POLITICIANS I'VE EVER SEEN THAT EVEN
15 ADDRESSED POLICE MISCONDUCT AND WHAT THEY'RE DOING OUT THERE,
16 THE MISCONDUCT, THEY'RE SHOOTING PEOPLE IN THE BACK. THEY'RE
17 BEATING PEOPLE TO DEATH. AND WE NEED THAT LOOKED AT. IF YOU
18 GUYS WOULD TAKE THESE VIDEOS THAT ARE SEEN AND YOU WOULD PHOTO
19 SHOP OUT THE BACKGROUND, WHICH IS THE JAILS OR THE OTHER
20 PLACES AND PHOTO SHOP OUT WHAT THEY'RE WEARING AND MAKE IT
21 LOOK LIKE REGULAR CITIZENS, YOU'D BE SENDING YOUR COPS TO
22 ARREST THEM FOR MURDER. AND WE WANT YOU, WE WANT LEGISLATION
23 TO CHANGE. WE WANT YOU TO FRONT A BILL THAT GOES TO
24 LEGISLATION TO LOOK AT THESE CRIMINAL COPS AND MAKE SOME --
25 THEY SHOULD BE ANSWERING TO JUST LIKE YOU OR I WOULD. IF YOU



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1 OR I BEAT SOMEBODY TO DEATH OR SHOT SOMEBODY IN THE BACK, WE'D
2 GO TO JAIL. WE WANT THAT LOOKED AT MORE SERIOUSLY THAN WHAT
3 IT'S LOOKED AT. RIGHT NOW THEY'RE PROTECTED UNDER THE POLICE
4 OFFICERS BILL OF RIGHTS. IT'S NOT RIGHT. THERE'S CRIMINALS IN
5 EVERY PROFESSION. INCLUDING IN YOUR PROFESSION. THERE'S
6 CRIMINALS IN THE SCHOOLS WHERE THEY HAVE CHILD MOLESTERS AND
7 WHATEVER. AND THEY'RE NOT PROTECTED BY THE OTHER TEACHERS. AND
8 THEY SHOULD NOT BE PROTECTED HERE, THE POLICE DEPARTMENT
9 SHOULD NOT BE PROTECTING THEM EITHER. THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

10

11 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU FOR YOUR TESTIMONY AND
12 WE TAKE THE NEXT TESTIMONY PLEASE. THANK YOU.

13

14 **RUBY MAREK:** HI, MY NAME IS RUBY MAREK AND I'M REPRESENTING THE
15 SCHOOL MY CHILDREN CHOOSE TO ATTEND, NOT MINDING THE ONE-HOUR
16 DRIVE. LIVING IN A BLUE RIBBON SCHOOL SYSTEM, THEY PREFER
17 ATTENDING A SCHOOL WHERE THEY FEEL SAFE, IN A PLACE THAT
18 ALLOWS THEM TO LEARN WHILE USING THEIR CREATIVITY. I'M RAISING
19 TWO FUTURE COMMUNITY MEMBERS AND I'M PROUD TO SAY THAT MY
20 CHILDREN HAVE AMBITION AND ARE MOTIVATED TO BECOME SUCCESSFUL
21 MEMBERS OF THE COMMUNITY. I'VE LEARNED THROUGH MY CHILDREN
22 THAT IT'S IMPORTANT TO HAVE PRIDE IN WHO YOU ARE IN ORDER TO
23 HAVE SELF-RESPECT. THEY ARE HAPPY TO SAY THAT THEY ARE
24 AMERICANS. MEXICAN FROM THEIR MOM AND GERMAN FROM THEIR DAD.
25 AND ALL WE ASK IS GIVE THEM THE RIGHT TO CHOOSE THE SCHOOL



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1 WHERE THEY FEEL SAFE AND NOT ONLY THAT BUT TO USE THEIR
2 CREATIVE THINKING. THANK YOU.

3

4 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. ALL RIGHT.
5 YOU MAY PROCEED.

6

7 **ZACARIA REYES:** MY NAME IS ZACAROA REYES. GOOD AFTERNOON. I
8 FIRST WOULD LIKE TO THANK MARK RIDLEY-THOMAS AND GLORIA MOLINA
9 FOR YOUR SUPPORT. I ADDRESS YOU TODAY ON A VERY IMPORTANT
10 ISSUE. I WAS AT THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING ON TUESDAY,
11 SEPTEMBER 12, 2013. I AM A PROUD STUDENT OF ANAHUACALMECAC AND
12 I AM TERRIBLY TROUBLED BY THE INJUSTICES DONE AT LACOE. ME AS
13 A STUDENT SAW A BOARD THAT WAS TO STAND FOR EDUCATION, FOR
14 STUDENTS LIKE ME, STAND AT MY SCHOOL FOR NO RHYME OR REASON.
15 THAT MADE ALL STATEMENTS LIKE ACCUSING THE SCHOOL OF VIOLATING
16 THE BROWN ACT OF NOT POSTING BOARD MEETINGS ONLINE. IN OUR
17 COMMUNITY, PARENTS ARE NOT LIKELY TO USE THE INTERNET, SO TO
18 ACCOMMODATE THIS, THEY POST THEM ON OUR CAMPUSES. SEEMS
19 LOGICAL, RIGHT? I ASK TO PLEASE MAKE IT TO SET THESE FALSE
20 ACCUSATIONS RIGHT BY ADDING THEM TO THE AGENDA SEPTEMBER 24,
21 2013. PLEASE GIVE US, MY SCHOOL, THE RIGHT OPPORTUNITY TO
22 JUSTICE BY SUPPORTING OUR CHARTER RENEWAL. I ASK MARK RIDLEY-
23 THOMAS TO APPOINT A BOARD MEMBER TO THE SCHOOL LACOE BOARD.

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1 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. YOU MAY BE
2 MINDFUL OF THE FACT THAT THE LACOE APPOINTEE FROM THE SECOND
3 DISTRICT DID SUPPORT YOUR APPEAL. SO WHEN YOU SAY YOU WISH FOR
4 ME TO APPOINT A BOARD MEMBER, THE BOARD MEMBER THAT I DID
5 APPOINT WAS SUPPORTIVE OF IT AND THE RECORD SHOULD REFLECT
6 THAT. MA'AM?

7

8 **ITZEL AGUILERA:** OKAY. HELLO. GOOD AFTERNOON. MY NAME IS ITZEL
9 AGUILERA. I AM CURRENTLY ENROLLED AS A SENIOR IN
10 ANAHUACALMECAC. I LIVE IN THE COMMUNITY OF EL SERENO. U.C.
11 RIVERSIDE IS MY TOP CHOICE TO CONTINUE ON MY EDUCATION.
12 UNFORTUNATELY MY U.C. ELIGABILITY QUESTION BECAUSE OF MY
13 SCHOOL'S DENIAL FOR RENEWAL OF OUR CHARTER. I HOPE IN THE
14 FUTURE ALL THREE OF MY SISTERS THAT ARE ATTENDING _____
15 PUEBLO CAN CONTINUE ONWARD AT ANAHUACALMECAC. ANAHUACALMECAC
16 HAS OPENED MY MIND TO MY CULTURE AND TO THE IMPORTANCE OF A
17 COLLEGE EDUCATION. I WILL BE THE FIRST OF MY FAMILY TO ATTEND
18 COLLEGE IN THE FOLLOWING YEARS AND GO BEYOND HIGH SCHOOL AND
19 PURSUE A CAREER. SO I STAND HERE TO PLEAD TO YOU TO RENEW OUR
20 CHARTER AND FOR MARK RIDLEY-THOMAS TO APPOINT ANOTHER MEMBER
21 OF THE LACOE BOARD OF EDUCATION.

22

23 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. [APPLAUSE.]
24 CONSTITUTIONAL MATTER THAT WE CAN'T STACK THE COURT. THE
25 APPOINTMENTS THAT I CAN MAKE AND ANY ADDITIONAL ONES I'LL BE



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1 GLAD TO CONSIDER. ALL RIGHT. MA'AM, YOU MAY BE HEARD, BUT
2 WE'RE GOING TO ALSO CALL FOR THE FINAL SPEAKERS, MELLO DESIRE,
3 LOUIS GARCIA AND TERESIA SIGMUND IN THAT ORDER, PLEASE.

4

5 **SPEAKER:** GOOD AFTERNOON, BOARD OF SUPERVISORS. IT IS MY HONOR
6 TO BE HERE THIS AFTERNOON WAITING ALL DAY LONG PATIENTLY WITH
7 THE COMMUNITY OF THE _____SCHOOLS AND ANAHUACALMECAC. WE'RE
8 PATIENTLY WAITING HERE BECAUSE WE'RE VERY PASSIONATE AND
9 COMMITTED TO OUR CAUSE HERE TO -- I WANT TO SAY DEMAND WHAT IS
10 RIGHT. TO DEMAND WHAT IS RIGHT. WHAT WE HAVE STRUGGLED SO FAR,
11 SO LONG WITH GOING BACK TO THE FREEDOM SCHOOLS. OUR INDIGENOUS
12 SCHOOL IS A FREEDOM SCHOOL. NO ONE WOULD EVER TRY TO TAKE THAT
13 AWAY FROM AFRICAN-AMERICAN COMMUNITY OR ANY OTHER COMMUNITY.
14 OUR INDIGENOUS SCHOOL IS EVEN MORE SO, EVEN MORE SO RELEVANT
15 TO OUR COMMUNITY. I WANT TO DRIVE HOME, I ONLY HAVE 13 SECONDS
16 I THINK I SPOKE TOO LONG ON THAT BUT I WANT TO MAKE SURE WE'RE
17 ALL ON THE SAME PAGE THAT OUR UNDERSTANDING IS THAT THERE WAS
18 NOT ANY ACTION TAKEN AT THE LACOE, L.A. COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF
19 EDUCATION. I APOLOGIES I'M GOING TO CONTINUE JUST TO MAKE
20 THESE TWO POINTS. THERE WAS NO ACTION TAKEN AND OUR
21 UNDERSTANDING IS THAT THERE IS A 30 TO 60-DAY WINDOW TO
22 READDRESS THIS ISSUE AND IT COULD BE REAGENDIZED. TODAY AT
23 THIS TIME THE SCHOOL ADMINISTRATORS HAVE SUBMITTED A LETTER TO
24 CURE AND CORRECT THE ISSUES THAT TOOK PLACE OVER THERE AT
25 LACOE AND WHAT WE'RE ASKING THE BOARD HERE, BOARD OF



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1 SUPERVISORS TO DO IS THE RESPONSIBLE THING AND RESPONSIBLE
2 THING IS TO REVIEW, LIKE I SAID LAST TIME, REVIEW WHAT TOOK
3 PLACE, REPRIMAND THOSE THAT ARE RESPONSIBLE AND REMOVE THOSE
4 THAT ARE NOT HOLDING UP THE LAW BECAUSE MR. BOYD ON THE BOARD
5 THERE, AND I'M ALMOST DONE, WAS REPRIMANDED BY OTHER BOARD
6 MEMBERS THERE THAT HE WAS ADDRESSING ISSUES THAT WOULD NEVER
7 HAVE BEEN ADDRESSED WITH OTHER CHARTERS, NUMBER ONE. NUMBER
8 TWO, THESE WERE NOT PART OF THE ELEMENTS THAT WERE TO BE
9 CONSIDERED IN CONSIDERING THE CHARTER. SO I ASK YOU TODAY
10 PLEASE GET OUR SCHOOL BACK ON TRACK, OUR STUDENTS NEED TO HAVE
11 A SAFE, SECURE SCHOOL TO CONTINUE THEIR WAY TO COLLEGE.

12
13 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** ALL RIGHT. LET ME GIVE YOU THIS
14 BIT OF INSIGHT. I DID HAVE A CONVERSATION WITH THE
15 SUPERINTENDENT ON THIS VERY MATTER OF THE INAPPROPRIATENESS OF
16 THE REMARKS THAT WERE ALLEGEDLY MADE. AND IT IS MY
17 UNDERSTANDING THAT ONE OF THE OTHER BOARD MEMBERS, NOT THE
18 SUPERINTENDENT HIMSELF, BUT ONE OF THE OTHER BOARD MEMBERS
19 SPOKE TO THAT ISSUE VERY CLEARLY AND DECISIVELY AS TO TO THE
20 INAPPROPRIATENESS OF WHAT HAD BEEN SAID. I THINK YOU MIGHT
21 HAVE WITNESSED THAT. SO ALL OF THAT IS ON THE RECORD. NOW,
22 WITH RESPECT TO THE BALANCE OF WHAT NEEDS TO BE DONE, I THINK
23 YOU HAVE AN OBLIGATION, SMALL "O", TO CAUSE WHOEVER IS
24 REPRESENTING THE SCHOOL, I MEAN LEGALLY, TO BE IN CONVERSATION
25 WITH THE LEGAL COUNSEL AT LACOE TO MAKE SURE THAT THE PROCESS



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1 IS AS IT IS SUPPOSED TO BE. YOU HAVE TO DO THAT BECAUSE THIS
2 IS GOING TO EVOLVE INTO A LEGAL MATTER AT THIS POINT. AND TO
3 THE EXTENT THAT THAT IS THE CASE, YOU WANT TO MAKE SURE THAT
4 ALL YOUR DUCKS ARE IN A ROW. THE THING THAT I'M AWARE OF: YOU
5 HAVE A RIGHT TO DO AS OF NOW IS TO APPEAL TO THE STATE AND GET
6 WHAT YOU SEEK. THE LOCAL BOARD HAS ALREADY RULED NOT IN FAVOR
7 OF THE SCHOOL. AND THEN THE COUNTY BOARD WAS YOUR NEXT LEVEL
8 OF APPEAL. THEY DEADLOCKED. ON THE BASIS OF THAT, YOU CAN NOW
9 GO TO THE NEXT LEVEL OF APPEAL, WHICH IS WHAT IS BEING
10 RECOMMENDED IS YOUR PREROGATIVE AS TO WHETHER YOU DO SO. I
11 NEED TO TAKE THE NEXT SPEAKER.

12

13 **SPEAKER:** I RESPECT THAT. AT THIS POINT IT IS CORRECT AND THEY
14 ARE DELIVERING A LETTER TO CURE AND CORRECT AS YOU STATED. BUT
15 RIGHT NOW AT THIS TIME, THERE'S A 30 TO 60-DAY WINDOW OF
16 OPPORTUNITY TO CORRECT THINGS AND WE'RE URGING THIS BOARD OF
17 SUPERVISORS TO ASSIST US IN ADDRESSING THOSE LEGAL ISSUES AS
18 YOU INSTRUCTED US TO. I THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

19

20 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** I THINK WE JUST DID. THANK YOU
21 SO MUCH. SIR?

22

23 **LUIS GARCIA:** HELLO. MY NAME IS LUIS GARCIA, I'M A CONSTITUENT
24 OF THE SECOND DISTRICT. 85 PERCENT OF THE L.A. COUNTY
25 POPULATION IS PRIOR SOVEREIGN MEXICAN AMERICAN CITIZENS,



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1 NATIONAL MINORITY, INDIGENOUS DESCENT MESTIZOS; AS SUCH, I
2 URGE THIS BOARD TO LOOK AT THE LAUSD BOARDS AND L.A. COUNTY
3 OFFICE OF EDUCATION'S DENIAL OF THE ANAHUACALMECAC _____
4 PUEBLO'S CHARTER AND DO EVERYTHING WITHIN YOUR POWERS TO
5 CORRECT THAT AND TO HELP ANAHUACALMECAC PUEBLO STAY IN THIS
6 COUNTY. THE BOARD MUST SEE THE VIOLATIONS OF STATE AND FEDERAL
7 CIVIL RIGHTS LAW, THE TREATY OF GUADALUPE HIDALGO, UNITED
8 NATIONS ARTICLE 27 COVENANT ON THE CIVIL AND POLITICAL RIGHTS
9 OF RECOGNIZED OPPRESSED NATIONAL MINORITIES FOR WHAT THEY ARE,
10 VIOLATIONS OF THE LAW.

11

12 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. ONLY A
13 RESIDENT OF THE SECOND DISTRICT WOULD COME FORTH AND TALK
14 ABOUT THE TREATY OF GUADALUPE HILDAGO. SECOND DISTRICT RISES
15 AGAIN. MA'AM, PLEASE PROCEED.

16

17 **MELLO DESIRE:** HI, MY NAME IS MELLO DESIRE, FILMMAKER FOR INNER
18 CITY YOUTH. MY CONDOLENCES TO JUANITA. I'D LIKE TO ADD TO THAT
19 LIST OUR CONDOLENCES TO OUR YOUTH WHO PASSED AWAY IN THE LAST
20 THREE WEEKS ALONE. WILLIE WARD, 21 YEARS OLD. ARLINGTON
21 HEIGHTS. GUNSHOT. DAYVON AVYON MILES, WEST ATHENS, MALE,
22 GUNSHOT, 22 YEARS OLD. DEANGELO LOPEZ, 22 YEARS OLD, COMPTON,
23 MALE, GUNSHOT. ANGELA RENEE WILSON, 22 YEARS OLD, FEMALE
24 GUNSHOT, JOSEPH N. JORDAN, 16 YEARS OLD, WESTMONT MALE,
25 GUNSHOT. ANDRE GERARD LOWE, 19 YEARS OLD, HOLLYWOOD, MALE,



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1 GUNSHOT. JAY SHON LEWIS, 11 YEARS OLD, WESTLAKE MACARTHUR
2 PARK, STABBING. TAVION BAKER BATISTE, 21 YEARS OLD, COMPTON,
3 GUNSHOT. KENIAT AN MUHAMMAD ANSARY, 22 YEARS OLD, VERMONT
4 SQUARE, GUNSHOT. THIS IS ONLY A FEW FRACTIONS OF THE LIST OF
5 123 YOUTHS WHO PASSED AWAY JUST THROUGH GANG VIOLENCE.

6

7 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** ALL RIGHT. WE THANK YOU FOR YOUR
8 TESTIMONY. TERRY, YOU ARE TO BE HEARD AND THEN THE FINAL
9 SPEAKER IS HERE.

10

11 **TERESIJA SIGMUND:** YEAH, THIS IS A REALLY SHOCKING, ESPECIALLY
12 THAT'S ONLY THE LAST THREE WEEKS AND WE DIDN'T GET TO FINISH
13 THE WEEK. YOU TALK ABOUT THE OLD PEOPLE THAT DIE WHICH IS VERY
14 SAD, BUT YOU SHOULD BE MENTIONING THESE YOUNG PEOPLE, THEY ARE
15 IN YOUR DISTRICT, THEY ARE IN YOUR COUNTY, YOU CAN'T DENY
16 THEIR DEATH YET YOU'RE DOING. BUT I'M HERE AGAIN BECAUSE I'M
17 HERE I HAVE YOUR UNBELIEVABLE ISSUES WITH YOUR D.C.F.S. LAST
18 THURSDAY THEY DIDN'T BRING THE KIDS TO THE VISIT. YOU HAVE
19 SUCH A ZOO OUT THERE AND IT DOES REFLECT ON YOU BECAUSE YOU'RE
20 THE PEOPLE IN CHARGE. I COME ON THE VISIT. IT'S SUPPOSED TO BE
21 THERE. THERE COMES SOME LADY WITH A WEIRD BEHAVIOR AND THEY
22 ASK ME WHY I DON'T KNOW WHERE THE CHILDREN ARE. THEY WANT TO
23 DRIVE YOU INSIDE. THEY WANT YOU TO DO SOMETHING CRAZY BECAUSE
24 THEY DRIVE YOU CRAZY BY ASKING STUPID QUESTIONS AND THEN SAY
25 "HAVE A GOOD EVENING" AND I'M THERE WITH MY SON WHO THEN HAD A



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1 NIGHTMARE THAT HIS BROTHER DIED BECAUSE IT IS INCREDIBLY
2 TRAUMATIC FOR THE FAMILY NOT TO SEE EACH OTHER. AND I DIDN'T
3 EVEN GET TO TALK ABOUT THE RELIGIOUS RIGHTS VIOLATION THAT YOU
4 KEEP IGNORING WHICH MY LITTLE SON ADDRESSED WHICH IS ONLY 4
5 YEARS OLD.

6

7 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU FOR YOUR TESTIMONY.
8 FINAL SPEAKER, PLEASE. MA'AM?

9

10 **SPEAKER:** GOOD AFTERNOON. MY NAME IS _____ AND I'M A CURRENT
11 12TH GRADER AT ANAHUACALMECAC. I PLAN TO ATTEND U.C.L.A. NEXT
12 ACADEMIC YEAR AND PURSUE A CAREER IN LAW. I HAVE WORKED BEYOND
13 THE RIGOROUS STANDARDS OF OUR SCHOOL AND INTERNATIONAL
14 BACCALAUREATE PROGRAM IN ORDER TO MAKE SURE I'M NOT ONLY
15 COMPETITIVE BUT STAND OUT AS A WELL-ROUNDED STUDENT PREPARED
16 FOR THE RIGORS CRITICAL THINKING ANALYSIS AND EVALUATION. I'M
17 HERE ON BEHALF OF THE 400 STUDENTS OF ANAHUACALMECAC. I HOPE
18 THAT IT WILL BE OPEN FOR MY LITTLE BROTHER AND MY LITTLE
19 SISTER SO THEY MAY HAVE THE SAME UNIQUE ENRICHMENT AND
20 OPPORTUNITIES I GOT. I DO NOT WANT THEM TO HAVE TO WORRY ABOUT
21 THE LACK OF SAFETY IN OTHER SCHOOLS. I DO NOT WANT MY SIBLINGS
22 TO HAVE TO FIGHT THEIR WAY THROUGH THE SCHOOL SYSTEM JUST TO
23 BE TREATED EQUALLY OR EVEN BE NOTICED. THIS IS AN INJUSTICE
24 WE'RE GOING THROUGH. OUR EDUCATION IS NOT A PRIVILEGE. IT IS A
25 RIGHT. OUR EDUCATION SHOULD NOT BE ABOUT FINANCES. WE'RE HUMAN



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1 BEINGS, NOT NUMBERS. I HAVE NO PLANS OF ATTENDING ANY OTHER
2 HIGH SCHOOL EXCEPT AN ANAHUACALMECAC BECAUSE IT IS MY LIFE, IT
3 IS MY EDUCATION AND THEREFORE MY CHOICE. ALTHOUGH I'M NOT YET
4 AN ADULT, I UNDERSTAND THAT WHAT IS HAPPENING TO MY SCHOOL IS
5 ILLEGAL AND AN INJUSTICE. SO I URGE YOU TO CALL THE LACOE
6 BOARD OF EDUCATION TO REVERSE ITS ACTION ON SEPTEMBER 10, 2013
7 AND REAGENDIZE THE RENEWAL OF MY SCHOOL. THANK YOU, MR. MARK
8 RIDLEY-THOMAS AND GLORIA MOLINA. FOR YOUR SUPPORT. THANK YOU.

9

10 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOUVERY MUCH FOR YOUR
11 TESTIMONY. [APPLAUSE.] THAT BEING THE LAST SPEAKER FOR THE
12 DAY, I'M GOING TO ACCEPT THE APPLAUSE AS AN EXPRESSION OF THE
13 DESIRE FOR ADJOURNMENT. WE HAVE ONE ITEM REMAINING TO DISRUPT
14 MY FLOW, AND THAT IS FROM THE EXECUTIVE OFFICER. PLEASE
15 PROCEED.

16

17 **SACHI HAMAI, EXEC. OFFICER:** THANK YOU, MR. CHAIRMAN. MEMBERS
18 OF THE BOARD. THE FOLLOWING IS A REPORT OF ACTION TAKEN IN
19 CLOSED SESSION TODAY, SEPTEMBER 17, 2013. ON ITEM NUMBER CS-1,
20 CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL REGARDING EXISTING LITIGATION,
21 THE BOARD AUTHORIZED SETTLEMENT OF THE MATTER TITLED COUNTY OF
22 LOS ANGELES VERSUS TIME WARNER NY CABLE LLC ET AL. THE DETAILS
23 OF THE SETTLEMENT WILL BE MADE AVAILABLE ONCE FINALIZED BY ALL
24 PARTIES. THE VOTE OF THE BOARD WAS UNANIMOUS WITH ALL
25 SUPERVISORS BEING PRESENT. ITEM NUMBER CS-2, CONFERENCE WITH



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1 LEGAL COUNSEL REGARDING EXISTING LITIGATION IN OPEN SESSION,
2 THIS ITEM WAS CONTINUED ONE WEEK TO SEPTEMBER 24TH. ON ITEM
3 NUMBER CS-3, CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL REGARDING
4 SIGNIFICANT EXPOSURE TO LITIGATION, ONE CASE, IN CLOSED
5 SESSION THIS ITEM WAS CONTINUED ONE WEEK TO SEPTEMBER 24TH. ON
6 ITEM NUMBER CS-4, CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL REGARDING
7 SIGNIFICANT EXPOSURE TO LITIGATION, NO REPORTABLE ACTION WAS
8 TAKEN. ON ITEM NUMBER CS-5, CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL
9 REGARDING INITIATION OF LITIGATION, ONE CASE, THE BOARD
10 AUTHORIZED COUNTY COUNSEL TO INITIATE LITIGATION ON THIS CASE.
11 THE DETAILS OF WHICH WILL BE DISCLOSED ONCE THE LITIGATION HAS
12 FORMALLY COMMENCED. THE VOTE OF THE BOARD WAS 3-2 WITH
13 SUPERVISORS RIDLEY-THOMAS AND YAROSLAVSKY AND KNABE VOTING
14 AYE, AND SUPERVISORS MOLINA AND ANTONOVICH VOTING NO. ITEM
15 NUMBER CS-6 CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATOR WILLIAM T FUJIOKA
16 AND DESIGNATED STAFF, NO REPORTABLE ACTION WAS TAKEN. THANK
17 YOU.

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19 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** WE'RE NOW ADJOURNED.



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